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# BROWDER, FORD NOMINATED

## 'SITDOWN' IN SF WAREHOUSE WINS VICTORY

200 Are Still Out in Nine Houses; Report Vandeleur In Move to Hinder Struggle Lcl By 38-44

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first sitdown strike in this part of the country forced the McKesson-Langley Michaels drug warehouse to reinstate a worker who had been fired for activity in the Warehousemen's Union.

Ninety men were involved in the three-hour strike, which ended successfully with the reinstatement of the discharged union man. The company had refused to meet with union officials, and the president of the Industrial Association came in to settle the strike.

Two hundred members of the union still remain on strike, for a 44-hour week, and wages of 62 cents an hour, among other demands. The strike affected nine hardware, household and hotel supply warehouses. The spirit of the strikers is strong and cooperation is being given by the teamsters. Two of the struck houses settled last week.

It is reported that Edward Van Delleur, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, noted his reactionary policies as moving to split the strike ranks and to hinder the organization drive of the Warehousemen's Union by aiming to obtain a separate charter for the warehouse clerks. In the houses already struck, all employees have come out under the banner of the Warehousemen's Union.

## Drought Bringing Farmers Tragedy

CHICAGO.—The drought spreading across the Western plains has brought the farmers more suffering than any catastrophe yet known. Federal relief authorities term the present drought worse than that of 1934.

One hundred degrees of heat, parching the wheat and corn crops, are making the huge stretches of farm area ghostly in appearance, with cattle dying like flies. Large areas in the Dakotas have no crop at all. All of Kansas, much of Nebraska, and Iowa, and large portions of adjacent states have been hit.

Instead of rushing immediate relief WPA authorities planned a "study" of drought aid. Harry L. Hopkins, WPA head, did not plan to meet with WPA officials until Tuesday, June 30, on the question. The meeting will take place in St. Paul, Minn.

Prices on many food staples are expected to jump tremendously as a result of the drought. Corn, bread, meat supplies are expected to rise most rapidly in price, thus adding suffering of the city consumers to that of the farmers.

The suffering of the farmers is intensified because early this year state and national governments instituted a campaign to cut the farmers off relief rolls.

### JUDGE REFUSES PLEA

SAN FRANCISCO.—Plea of the International Labor Defense to have the exorbitant bail of \$2500 reduced to \$1000 in the deportation case against George Geoffrin on "subversive charges," was denied here last week by Federal Judge Michael J. Roche. The judge said no evidence submitted would prompt him to interfere with a federal ruling which jumped Geoffrin's bail.

## 100,000 Nanking Troops Join Rebels; French Strike Hits Munition Plants

### POWERS MANEUVERING TO FORM "LEAGUE WITHOUT TEETH"

From Kweichow province in China comes the report that 100,000 crack troops, comprising a third of the Nanking Army, have revolted against the dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek and joined with Cantonese forces in a united front against Japan.

Japanese troops in the North are reported preparing an immediate offensive against China in the hope of striking before the anti-Japanese forces have time to unite and solidify their ranks.

From Geneva it is announced Emperor Haile Selassie will return to Ethiopia and resume warfare against the Italian invaders immediately after the present League session adjourns.

All Western and South-Western Ethiopia remains loyal to the Emperor and armed forces are still mobilized awaiting the strategic moment for attack.

The French strike campaign has spread to naval shipyards and the munition factories of St. Nazaire and Lorraine. Strikes have closed 450 Riviera hotels and owners are declaring a lock-out in retaliation.

### FASCIST STRATEGY

Colonel de la Roque, leader of the fascist Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire) organization has transformed his storm troop army into a political party to evade the dissolution order of the Chamber of Deputies. Several bitter street clashes have occurred between fascists and workers.

Rightists are making every effort through their control of finances to precipitate an economic crisis that will provide an excuse for a fascist uprising. Meanwhile, they are exerting every means of bribery and strategy to create a split in the People's Front. Jacques Doriot, a renegade expelled from the Communist Party over a year ago, is being utilized by the rightists to organize a pseudo Left party opposing the united front.

### TOWNSEND TICKET

In Philadelphia Dr. F. E. Townsend, old-age pension leader, indicated he might launch his own presidential candidate, decision on which is to be reached at the Townsend convention in Cleveland, July 15-19.

"We may nominate a man of our own," said Townsend. "We would have to move very rapidly, of course, to get registered. We would not get on the ballot in some states, but in those we could endorse other candidates for the presidency."

The doctor claimed the Townsend vote would total 20,000,000.

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Gears have been oiled for a hasty removal of sanctions against Italy when the League of Nations

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## Johnstone Tells Convention of Epic Members' Swing Toward Labor Party

Thousands of people throughout California heard the acceptance speeches of Browder and Ford over the radio on Sunday.

In San Francisco 1000 assembled at Jefferson Park to hear the broadcast. Communist candidates in San Francisco spoke after the broadcasts.

In Southern California station KECA sent out the speeches following the receipt of thousands of post cards in the office of Earl C. Anthony, Inc., owners of the radio system.

On Saturday, following two days of uninterrupted telephone calls, the manager of the Los Angeles station assured Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th District, who headed a delegation, that the Browder speech would be released. The broadcast was cut by National to a half hour. For some reason the talk by Foster was not broadcast, as had been the arrangement.

Roy Hudson, member of the Central Committee, and well-known as a trade union leader, spoke on the problems of the Pacific Coast working class.

He said "The Epics have lost a great deal of strength since Sinclair polled nearly a million votes eight months ago . . . A realignment and reorganization of the Epics is taking place on a more definite Farmer-Labor program, and they are casting out of their movement those opportunistic elements that donned the Epic cloak in order to get votes, such as Senator Olson, Stitt Wilson, and company. They

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## MOBILIZATION ACCELERATES ANTI-CS DRIVE

### Give Instructions for Filing Petitions; L. A. and S. F. Report Thousands Of Signatures

Thousands of signatures on initiative petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, were indicated in early and incomplete tabulations on the statewide mobilization last Saturday and Sunday, as the repeal campaign entered the final stages.

Accelerated by the California-wide drive on June 27 and 28, the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act issued an appeal for daily mobilizations for signatures between now and July 23rd, final date for filing petitions, when 240,000 signatures must be recorded.

### FILING DATA

Instructions for precincting and filing the petitions were issued by Herbert Nugent, State Conference secretary, as follows:

"All petitions must be filed with the County Clerk or Registrar of Voters in the county where they were collected by a person or persons authorized by the Central C.S. Office, 68 Haight street, San Francisco. If no one in your county has yet been selected to make the filings, write at once for such authorization, giving name of voter to be authorized.

"The first filing will be made in the various counties on July 3rd. In case petitions are not available on that date, the first filing may be made any day up to July 9. ALL PETITIONS TO BE FILED ON THE FIRST FILING MUST BE FILED IN A GIVEN COUNTY IN ONE DAY.

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## Cal. Jobless Meet Ready

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—Representatives of the California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations and the Workers Alliance of California yesterday reached an agreement on details of organization and convention arrangements for the proposed unification convention to be held in Los Angeles on July 17. The previous date for the convention, originally set for one week earlier, was advanced to make preparations more thorough.

The convention will be jointly organized by both organizations. Attempts are being made to have Lasser and Herbert Benjamin, respectively national president and national organizer of the Workers' Alliance present at the convention. Prominent speakers from unemployed organizations and American Federation of Labor unions and a State Assemblyman will address a huge public mass meeting which will open the convention.

Organizational representation endorsed by the National Workers' Alliance and accepted by both participating groups, is as follows:

1) State Executive, 25 members: eight of them from the Workers' Alliance.

2) Representation at convention on equal basis: two delegates for first 50 members, one for each 50 or major part of 50 thereafter.

3) State officials: Calif. State Federation to have President, 2nd Vice President, State Organizational Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer, one Field Organizer; Workers' Alliance to have 1st and 3rd Vice Presidents and Field Organizer.

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## COMMUNIST CANDIDATES OPEN CAMPAIGN ON JULY 4TH; MILLIONS HEAR ACCEPTANCE TALKS OVER RADIO; 15,000 COMMUNISTS IN A. F. OF L.

Anita Whitney, California Leader, and Pat Chambers, Leader of Agricultural Workers, Elected to National Campaign Committee for Presidential Election

NEW YORK.—Earl Browder and James W. Ford were nominated on Sunday as presidential and vice presidential candidates of the Communist Party, to the prolonged applause of 25,000 who jammed Madison Square Garden. Thousands were unable to get into the vast hall, scene of the final and nominating session of the five-day Communist Party Convention.

The Communist campaign will be waged on the basis of the fight against fascism and war, for the uniting of all oppressed sections of the people in this fight, and for the defense of the democratic rights of the people.

## Highlights of Earl Browder Report Calling for Building People's Front!

The direct issue of the 1936 elections is not Socialism or Capitalism but rather Democracy or Fascism. At the same time we emphasize and will always emphasize that a consistent struggle for democracy and progress leads inevitably and in the not distant future to Socialist Revolution.

The Republican Party, headed by Landon and Knox, is unquestionably representing the full reactionary program. William Randolph Hearst has formulated that program with greatest clarity, has pursued it with the most vicious and obstinate energy. Hearst named the Republican ticket already in August 1935. Morgan, the du Ponts, Mellon, all the most reactionary circles of Wall Street, are fully behind Landon and Knox. The platform of the Republican Party, behind a thin smoke-screen of tepid liberalism, contains all the essentials of Hearst's program, including its demagogic.

The Communist Party declares without qualification that the Landon-Hearst-Wall Street ticket is the chief enemy of the liberties, peace, and prosperity of the American people. Its victory would carry our country a long way on the road to fascism and Field.

Roosevelt and his administration are trying to pursue a middle course between these two opposite fundamental directions of policy. On the one hand, they try to keep mass support by certain small concessions to the needs and demands of the people. On the other hand, they answer the pressure and attacks of the reactionary forces by greater concessions in that direction. Especially in the last year, Roosevelt's course has been a series of retreats before the offensive of reaction. His administration is allowing itself to be dragged more and more onto the path of Hearst.

The Farmer-Labor Party in 1936 will concentrate on state and Congressional elections, in an effort to send a bloc of real people's Congressmen to Washington, to fight for the fundamental program of progress.

It had long been the hope of our Party that we would be able to go into the Presidential elections this year with a Farmer-Labor national ticket. Already in May it had become clear that this was impossible. The great majority of organizations, composing the Farmer-Labor movement, while breaking with the old parties, had decided to follow the policy of the big progressive unions of the Committee for Industrial Organization, in supporting Roosevelt for re-election.

The Communist Party declared that it seriously disagreed with this policy of dependence upon Roosevelt. We did not, however, withdraw from full participation in this rapidly growing movement for the Farmer-Labor Party. We are fully prepared to continue and develop our united front relations with those who support Roosevelt, reserving our disagreement on this question. Our united front with these organizations and groups has the solid foundation of complete agreement with them that the Republican Party with its Hearst-Liberty League allies, is the main enemy that must be defeated at all costs.

The Communist Party must use the opportunity of this election campaign to smash once and for all the superstition, which has been embodied in a maze of court decisions having the force of law, that it is subject to laws, (Federal immigration laws, state "criminal syndicalism laws"), directed against such advocacy. The Communist Party is not a conspirative organization, it is an open revolutionary party, continuing the traditions of 1776 and 1861; it is the only organization that is really entitled by its program and work to designate itself as "sons and daughters of the American revolution." Communists are not anarchists, not terrorists. The Communist Party is a legal party and defends its legality. Prohibition of advocacy of force and violence does not apply to the Communist Party; it is properly applied only to the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, and other fascist groupings, and to the strikebreaking agencies and the open shop employers who use them against the working class, who are responsible for the terrible toll of violence which shames our country.

. . . Our independent ticket will be placed in the service of creating that broader unity, the People's Front, it will promote the Farmer-Labor Party in every way possible, it will base itself on behalf of the program of the People's Front. At the same time we will carry on a mass campaign of agitation on a scale never before attained, to teach the broad millions the meaning of Socialism, of the working class revolution, of the full Communist program which is the only final solution of the problems created for the population by a dying capitalist system.

Robert Minor, Communist candidate for Governor of New York, nominated Browder, and "Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor, 74-year-old leader of the workers, nominated Ford. Half hour ovations followed each nominating speech.

The great trade union and Communist leader William Z. Foster opened the nominating session. The acceptance speeches of Browder and Ford were heard by unknown millions of people; they were broadcast over the two great radio networks—National and Columbia. Mass meetings in cities and towns throughout the country listened to the broadcasts.

Seconding speeches for Browder's nomination included one by Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party in California. Included on the Browder-Ford national campaign committee are Anita Whitney and Pat Chambers, leader of agricultural workers' struggles, now in San Quentin on a criminal syndicalism charge.

**BROWDER OPENS CAMPAIGN JULY 4**

Browder will open his campaign on July 4 in Cleveland and Akron, O., and Ford's campaign will open on the same date in Chicago.

William Weinstone, Communist Party district organizer in Detroit,

## NEW GAINS IN MASS PICKET POLICY IN L.A.

*A. and P. Stores Agree Not to Buy Fixtures Made by Scab Firms; Buzzell Likes Alien Ban*

LOS ANGELES, June 27.—Mass picketing of stores placed on the unfair list by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council resulted in another victory for the workers here this week when the A. and P. stores capitulated to the demands of the Council.

Secretary Buzzell reported that the A. and P. had agreed not to purchase fixtures manufactured by "scab" firms.

The Council has been picketing the stores every Saturday, with the striking Millmen maintaining a picket line at the stores on other days.

Furniture Workers, Local 1561, requested that the L. A. Young Spring Company, which is building a new plant here, be placed on the unfair list. Workers of out on strike.

The Council was asked to endorse a petition campaign to add an amendment to the state constitution which would limit the number of aliens to be employed by employers within a month.

"This is a very good move," Buzzell commented. "But I don't know whether this is the correct way to go about it or not."

The Allied Printing Trades Council delegates asked that the Van de Kamps Bakeries, Famous Department Store, Stationers Corporation and the Safeway stores be placed on the unfair lists. The request was referred to the executive board with power to act.

Both President Sherman and Secretary Buzzell demanded of the printing trades delegates why their unions were not sending pickets out on Saturday. Sherman told the delegates that they could not expect firms to be placed on the unfair list and not assist in the picketing.

## Ship Owners Get New Huge Subsidy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Shipowners sat smiling as the Senate, in its final hours of session passed two bills granting them subsidies of close to a half billion dollars.

The direct subsidy bill give the shipowners \$392,620,672, and the Treasury Postoffice appropriation bill grants them an additional \$26,500,000 for continuing mail subsidies.

The direct subsidy measure would create a maritime commission of five members to administer the program, which is frankly admitted as aiming to provide additional vessels for use in war time.

## Cut Pension for those Who Own Homes; Age Limit Reduced

SACRAMENTO—Old people who own their own homes or who receive free rent will have their \$35 monthly pension cut by \$7 beginning July 1. The age limit for pensions has been reduced from 70 to 65, and the required length of residence in California from 15 to 5 years.

The state and the counties will pay less for old age pensions, due to the Federal Old Age Security Law, providing \$15 a month out of federal funds for each pension recipient.

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## James W. Ford, Communist Candidate for Vice President



NEGRO LEADER from Harlem who enters the national campaign as running mate with Earl Browder. He spoke over national radio hookup, Sunday, June 28, at Party convention in New York.

## VERY VAGUE IS ROOSEVELT IN '36 CAMPAIGN

## Graft Becomes Big Issue in Elections

PHILADELPHIA June 30.—Vague—Very vague—attacks against the "royalists of the economic order" were all that was remembered here today from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech of acceptance of the Democratic nomination for reelection, which he delivered last Saturday night at Franklin Field.

The platform drawn up by the Democrats was a masterpiece of misleading demagogic in which the New Dealers took credit unto themselves for nonexistent accomplishments, repeatedly using the phrase: "The worker (farmer, veteran, youth, business man) has been returned to the road of freedom and prosperity. We will keep him on that road."

Expected to elaborate and clarify a number of points in the platform particularly touching on the usurped power of the Supreme Court in nullifying social legislation, President Roosevelt was even more unclear than the planks in the platform. Vice-President John N. Garner said virtually nothing in his speech.

In succeeding issues, the Western Worker will analyze the vital issues affecting the American people—which were left confused and unanswered by the Democratic convention—in a series of articles, first of which, appearing in this issue on Page 3, discusses the Supreme Court issue.

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## Big Packers Demand Return of AAA Taxes

CHICAGO—Armour and Co., one of the "big four" of Chicago meat packers has filed a claim for return of more than \$40,000,000 in processing taxes. Packers here have already filed claims for return of more than \$80,000,000. This is one effect of the Supreme Court decision against the AAA.

A delegate from the Sailors Union in San Pedro will be present.

New Fleet Command As Navy Building Is Increased to Record

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Elevation of Admiral Hepburn to command of the U. S. Fleet is part of the plans to prepare and build the navy to close to war-time strength. Hepburn replaces the aged Admiral Reeves.

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## CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYED MUST HALT RELIEF PLUNDER

### Mass Protest Is Only Action Merriam and His Crew Can Understand

By Alex Noral  
Organizational Secretary,  
State Federation of Unemployed.

The relief money appropriated for the unemployed of California is being plundered for extreme high salaries for the top state relief officials. This has been revealed through a report submitted by Miss Ruth Turner, one of a committee from San Francisco, who represents the Welfare Department, pointing out that the raising of these salaries took place immediately after the Special Session of the Legislature had appropriated additional funds to care for the unemployed.

At this special session the California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations sponsored a resolution, introduced by Assemblyman Clark, which was unanimously adopted by the assembly. This resolution called upon the State Relief Administration to restore the former SERA budget No. 4, which would have meant an increase of approximately 33 per cent to the unemployed.

#### POLITICAL BRIBERY

Governor Merriam and his state relief officials have deliberately ignored the will of the Assembly and the demands of the unemployed. Their answer to this demand has been to bribe the political machine with higher salaries in the top brackets. This is nothing but political graft at the expense of the unemployed.

The governor has also ignored another resolution passed by the Assembly, calling upon him to place two representatives from

#### Marine Federation Sets Up Anti-War Group

SEATTLE—The Maritime Federation's northwest district council has given the war plans of imperialist countries a bit of a set-back.

A permanent committee to investigate the shipment of war materials from northwest ports to Japan and other aggressor nations was set up last week at a meeting of the Federation's district council, following the report on the Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism.

Elected on the committee are Harry Pilcher, Everett longshoreman; Walter Stack, Marine Firemen, and Forrest Holland, Boom-Men, Seattle.

The Council endorsed the Committee for Industrial Organization, and voted \$40 toward expenses of a delegate to the American Youth Congress in Cleveland, July 3-5.

A subdistrict council may be formed in Aberdeen. Its need was mentioned by John Davis, Sailors' business agent in Gray's Harbor.

#### San Diego Jobless Win Schools' Use

SAN DIEGO—The Unemployed Workers Protective Union here has won its long fight for the use of the schools for meetings. Ray Reynolds, chairman of the Board of Education, wrote the union that the use of the schools was granted on a trial basis "contingent on the abiding of rules laid down by the school board."

This action followed a board meeting on June 15th when a large number of U. W. P. U. members and 30 teachers from the Teachers Association, demanded use of the schools by the unemployed.

The board refused to reach a decision at that time, due chiefly to underground pressure brought by reactionary elements headed by General Van Deman, former head of the U. S. Military Intelligence Department; Eddie Goodman, deputy district attorney; Von Buelow and C. Tenant Lee.

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Boycott the anti-union fascist Hearst Press. Read the workers' paper the Western Worker.

## INTERNATIONAL WAR SITUATION NEARING CRISIS

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tions convenes on June 30. Systematic wrecking of the League as an instrument of collective security has been the conscious objective of fascist nations over a long period of time. This object now has the support of Britain whose revisionist policy calls for a "League without teeth," which would amount to a co-ordinating council of warlike nations.

German newspapers have been advised by Nazi authorities to prepare for an intense offensive against the League of Nations. Thousands of British workers massed in Hyde Park at a mammoth open air meeting, thundering their disapproval of Britain's move to end sanctions. The meeting was addressed by Clement Attlee and Herbert Morrison, Labor Party members, who voiced strong pro-sanctionist sentiments.

#### PALESTINE REVOLT

Thousands of additional British troops are pouring from transports into Palestine to oppose the rapidly mounting Arab independence movement. Clashes between Arabs and British troops took a toll of 54 killed and 98 wounded in the last week. 30,000 Arabs have threatened to cross the river Jordan and enter Palestine to aid their countrymen in their struggle.

The Japanese propaganda machine in North China and at home is foaming with tirades against Chinese and Soviet hostiles and border incidents.

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## Johnstone Tells Epics Sentiment For Labor Party

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are developing a new leadership and broadening their program in line with the development of the Farmer-Labor Party."

He told the Convention of the developments at the May 10th conference, which he described as going "a step further in the direction of a Farmer-Labor Party than did the previous conference."

"One of the most important tasks of our Party election campaign will be to make this conference as broad and representative as possible, especially the drawing in of the trade unions, farm organizations and the extremely important task of drawing in the Townsend Clubs as well as the Epic movement together with our Party and the Socialist Party officially represented."

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**NEW YOUTH GROUP**  
SAN FRANCISCO—Organization of a new group for discussion of social, political, and economic problems facing young people today, is planned for Friday, July 3rd, at 8 p.m., at the Colonial Club, 847 Fillmore street. Refreshments will be served, and dancing will follow the discussion.

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**Anti-Nazi Youth  
In Hunger Strike**

NEW YORK CITY—Imprisoned on Ellis Island since June 12th when he surrendered for deportation to Nazi Germany, Otto Richter, 21, refugee from the Hitler terror has gone on a hunger strike to protest the Labor Department's refusal to set bail for his release.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born released Richter's letter to Commissioner of Immigration Rudolph Reimer, in charge of Ellis Island:

"This is to inform you that I am, since this morning, on a hunger strike to protest against the refusal of my wife's request to release me on bail. I herewith demand that reasonable bail be set in my case. I will remain on the hunger strike until my demands are fulfilled."

(Signed) Otto Richter—Room 211.

Richter fled from Germany in 1933 after being beaten up by Nazi storm troopers on the night of the Reichstag fire. He was arrested and held for deportation during the San Francisco General Strike, charged with illegal entry. He is married to an American girl.

**People Draft Grover Johnson As Labor's Candidate for District Attorney in Los Angeles County**

LOS ANGELES, June 25.—"Grover Johnson for district attorney!"

This is the slogan of progressives, liberals, labor unionists, unemployed—in fact, all persons in Los Angeles who are interested in seeing the country freed from control of crooked politicians and gamblers, and in the preservation of democratic rights.

Johnson, beloved for his relentless fight to secure freedom for thousands of working class victims of a rich exploiting minority, is not seeking office. He has virtually been drafted by thousands of defenders of civil liberties, who see in Johnson the one man whose previous record qualifies him to replace Burton Fitts, the incumbent, who dances to the crack of the Hearst and Chandler whip.

**C. S. ATTORNEY**

As attorney for the International Labor Defense he has fought tirelessly the battle of the oppressed. Throughout the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial, Johnson was associate counsel with Leo Gallagher, internationally famous labor defender.

He is running for office on a non-partisan ticket and has received full endorsement of the Communist Party.

Johnson's countless supporters point out that he quit a \$5000-a-year practice to accept his present job with the International Labor Defense which pays him \$100 a month. "Could such a man be bribed?" they ask.

**KIDNAPED**

Twice he has been kidnaped and beaten by vigilante mobs for daring to defend workers and in each instance he defied their threats and returned to defend his clients.

Coming to California in 1930, Johnson has since specialized in trial of cases involving rights of workers to organize, strike and picket; in the discriminating enforcement of our laws; and in the denial of civil and constitutional rights, such as free press, speech, and assembly.

He alone has defended more than 1000 persons in Southern California charged with offenses growing out of their efforts to better their working and living conditions by organizing, striking and picketing.

**JOHNSON BELIEVES THAT:**  
1.—Human and natural rights should be enforced first.

2.—The Chamber of Commerce represents a small predatory group whose activities are as inimical to the welfare of the common people as those of the vice-lords and gamblers.

3.—That the greatest menace to American institutions lies in the vigilante activities of Fascist groups perpetrated under the mask of super-patriotism.

4.—Ninety-five percent of the people of Los Angeles County would benefit if Los Angeles became a 100 percent unionized "closed-shop" town.

If elected Johnson pledges himself to:

**JOHNSON PLEDGES**  
1.—Clean out the grafters and gamblers, since their illegal profits enable them to corrupt our government.

2.—Cause a grand jury investigation of the third degree methods used by the police against the poor and defenseless.

3.—Prosecute loan sharks as diligently as bank robbers.

4.—Prosecute all persons implicated in commission of acts of vigilantism or lynching, whether they be in uniform or plain clothes.

5.—Protect the rights of labor to organize, strike, picket, and bargain collectively.

6.—Enforce laws enacted for the protection of labor such as minimum wages, maximum hours, safety appliances, sanitary working conditions and failure of employers to carry industrial accident insurance, none of which has been enforced to date.

7. Insist upon the equal and uniform protection and enforcement of our laws to all people regardless of race, color, creed, or social or financial status.

**DISABLED VET**

Johnson is 43 years of age, married, and has children attending Belmont high school and the University of California at Los Angeles. He was educated at the Universities of North Dakota, Montana and Stanford. He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans of the World

**ROOSEVELT IN RETREAT FROM "9 OLD MEN"**

Democratic Plank Just Talks Against Supreme Court; Byron Scott Flays Stand

By John Broman

"We have sought and will continue to seek to meet these problems through legislation within the constitution."

"If these problems cannot be effectively solved by legislation within the Constitution, we shall seek such clarifying amendment as will assure to the legislatures of the several States and to the Congress of the United States each within its proper jurisdiction, the power to enact those laws which the States and Federal Legislatures, within their respective spheres, shall find necessary, in order adequately to regulate commerce, protect public health and safety and safeguard economic security. Thus we propose to maintain the letter and spirit of the Constitution."

**WEASELING**

And that, working people of America, is how the Democrats and President Roosevelt are trying to weasel out of their abysmal failure to protect the living standards of all of us, their fine words to the contrary notwithstanding!

Never intended to help genuinely the miserable lot of the vast majority of the people, the backbone of the nation, and never in fact helping more than slightly, the "New Deal" has practically all been tossed into the ashcan by the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court, who dance to the tune called by the Liberty League and Wall Street.

And Roosevelt, beyond a few miserly words, has never lifted a finger against the Supreme Court and its unprecedented actions of autocracy!

**TEA WITH WALL STREET**

When the N.I.A. was voided, the AAA was exterminated, the Guffey Coal Bill was kicked out, the New York State minimum wage law for women and children squashed—where was Roosevelt and the "brain trust?" They were issuing press releases at

tacking the reactionary forces—and having tea with Wall Street!

Two federal circuits have cracked down on the Wagner Act, and it's a cinch the Supreme Court will kill it for good when they get a whack at it. Roosevelt is as silent as the grafting cops of San Francisco.

**HOLIDAY'**

The vice-president of the company died about a week ago and the company declared a holiday in his memory—but it turned out to be a holiday at the men's expense.

The next day the subforeman came around collecting money for flowers. This collection was not handled in the usual manner, but the worker's name was called and he was asked how much he would give and a record kept of the amount.

**SHOWING SPUNK**

Wages average about \$72 a month, which is enough more than the \$55 on the W.P.A. that the workers seem willing to stand almost any hardship rather than make any objection. However, lately with the hotter weather, the tendency to push the men still faster is bringing results and the workers are beginning to show spunk. Also the day off and the flowers have not been forgotten.

It's a real Fascist set-up and the men are working under a great handicap for organization. But if the company keeps pushing it is just a question of time when the voices of the P.W.U. men on the job will not be heard in vain.

**JUST A PROMISE**

The Democrats are trying to lure the working class into their following, by boastful assertions and by roseate promises of what they have done and will do for the oppressed. They promise constitutional amendment to permit social legislation, but—it's just a promise. Let Byron N. Scott, progressive congressman from California speak:

"We've already had all the proof we need that a constitutional amendment is necessary to legislate minimum wages and maximum hours. And the platform should have said so."

Even with a strong and determined effort to curb the power of the Supreme Court, which certainly cannot be expected from the Democratic Party, it would take at least a year in which to obtain the necessary ratification by three-fourths, or 36, of the states.

Only the Communist Party and the various state Farmer-Labor parties fights with the full determination to rally the masses in the nation and in the several states to demand the removal of autocratic powers from the international.

**FARMER-LABOR PARTY FAVERED BY DEMOCRAT**

SAN FRANCISCO—Favoring the building of a Farmer-Labor Party John D. Burns is seeking the Democratic nomination for Assembly in the 20th District against the Republican-Democratic incumbent, Thomas A. Malone.

Burns states that he stands for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, for the protection of the civil rights of the people, for labor's constitutional rights, for the 30-hour week without reduction in pay, and for the United Front against war and fascism.

He is member of Local 54 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and past president of Local 45 of the same international.

**Coughlin Group in Gallagher Ovation**

INGLEWOOD, Calif., June 25.—Indication of the strong race Leo Gallagher, famed labor defense attorney, will make for the office of Superior Judge, Office No. 13, was given here last Sunday afternoon at a Union for Social Justice meeting of 500 in the Ingwood Bowl.

R. C. W. Friday was introduced

as a judicial candidate and received a scattered applause.

Gallagher was then introduced and received a real ovation.

Beginning two and a half months ago with nine or ten young people, it has grown to 19 already and has nearly a dozen short plays ready for production. Half of these have been put on before organizations in the last month, particularly the Unemployed Workers' Protective Union, the American Student Union, the I. L. D., and Workers Picnics.

Four short plays from the New York Theater hit "Parade,"

**Harold J. Ashe****BACK LINTNER IN SAN MATEO ELECTION RACE**

Militant Trade Unionist for Supervisor on United Political Action Platform

REDWOOD CITY, June 27.—Frank Lintner, Menlo Park carpenter and squat raiser, was endorsed from San Mateo County supervisor here last night by Local 77 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, of which he is a charter member.

Lintner has adopted as his

platform the one drawn up by the San Mateo County Conference for United Progressive Political Action, held in the San Mateo Labor Temple June 14th last. He is a staunch advocate for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, and has filed two initiative petitions in the current drive.

**ALWAYS UNIONIST**

A trade union member all his working life in the Ship Fitters, Longshoremen, Machinist and Marine Firemen, Lintner at present is a member of Carpenter's Local 162, working on the Mills Field W.P.A. project. In his local he has waged an unceasing fight against the reactionary business agent, Joe Cambiano.

For the past three years, Lintner has been an active fighter in unemployed struggles, having headed numerous grievance committees before local, county and district relief administrative bodies. He is 38 years old and has lived in San Mateo County for 13 years.

**Ask Supreme Court Reconsider Decision On Min. Wage Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Reconsidering of the decision holding the New York minimum wage law unconstitutional has been asked of the Supreme Court.

The petition was filed by Warren Moorhead, of the prison in which Joseph Tipaldo was confined when he started action which finally led to the Supreme Court decision. The petition asks the court's decision left some doubt as to whether the court

actually reaffirmed the decision on the basis of its 1923 decision condemning the District of Columbia wage law.

**Emma Cutler****COUNCILMAN IN HOT REJECTION OF DAVIS' GIFT**

P. P. Christensen Refuses to Accept Complimentary Tickets to Trials For Olympics

LOS ANGELES, June 29.—Parley Parker Christensen, Epic city councilman and candidate for Congress in the 13th District against the labor-hating Charles Kramer, last week rejected eight complimentary tickets to Olympic Games trials, which had been sent him by Police Chief Davis.

Christensen not only rejected the tickets, but scorched the police chief with the following letter:

Mr. James E. Davis,  
Chief of Police,  
City.

On return to my desk, I find 8 complimentary tickets sent to me by you for the Olympic Track and Field events at the Coliseum on Friday and Saturday, June 26th and 27th.

While properly appreciative of the motive in sending me these customary courtesy tickets, I regret that I must return them unused. More than personal reasons demand this course.

You are well aware that not many months since I presented a resolution in the Council protesting against our participation in activities concerned with these Olympics being held in a Nazi-land. My whole system of thinking, being essentially liberal and democratic, is appalled at the thought of associating with any Fascist undertakings. I believe I truly interpret the views of an overwhelming majority of my constituents in rejecting it.

Another equally important reason why I do not wish to avail myself of these tickets is the sizable number of complaints that I have received recently from various citizens, auto drivers, shop keepers and others in my district, who claim undue influence of city's uniformed law officers in "selling" tickets for this and similar so-called benefit events. This sort of "selling" under the circumstances, amounts to pure intimidation, which, in dealing with other classes of law enforcers, we call a "racket."

I am quite sensible of the fact that this salesmanship flare of our police forces, unless curbed reasonably soon, will need to be dealt with by some disciplinary action or legal enactment on the floor of the City Council. When that time comes I shall not hesitate to remember that in my belief and knowledge, the duties imposed upon our police officers to act as ticket brokers of a sort, are just as odious to the more honest men in the force, as they are repugnant to the sense of propriety and decency of other citizens.

Respectfully

## Two Kinds of Union Organizing Campaigns

There are two kinds of union organizing campaigns. One involves a lot of talk, and little action; the other gets right down to brass tacks and goes into action.

The sponsors of the recent California Agricultural Conference in Stockton announced that their purpose was to bring California's 250,000 miserably paid agricultural workers into the A. F. of L. Since then, nothing much has happened in the way of an organization drive.

They would do well to learn a few lessons from the great campaign to organize the country's 500,000 steel workers, now under way. When the Committee for Industrial Organization finally won over the officials of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, no time was lost in getting into action.

A Steel Workers' Organizing Committee was immediately set up. The United Mine Workers of America donated \$500,000 toward the drive; other unions donated sums of money. The support of all organized labor was immediately sought.

The responsibility for the organization drive was definitely placed on the shoulders of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, consisting of representatives of several big internationals, the Amalgamated Ass'n., and representatives of the C. I. O.

National headquarters were set up in Pittsburgh, regional headquarters set up elsewhere. A concentration point to start the drive—the Western Pennsylvania area, was picked.

Two hundred organizers were placed in the field in 10 days. Organizers were loaned by the United Mine Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, etc.

That's what you call an organization campaign.

## A Threat to California Organized Labor, Which Teaches a Lesson

The open shop and fascist-minded big industrial and financial interests of California have seized on the strike of hardware warehousemen in San Francisco to begin a campaign aimed at the crushing of organized labor in this state. They have enlisted even the alleged "liberal" San Francisco News, alongside the Hearst press, as shown in a column by Arthur Caylor the other day.

These reactionaries profess to see in the warehouse strike, which is led by Warehousemen's Local 37-44 of the I. L. A., a plot by Harry Bridges and other militant maritime union leaders to "make San Francisco a ghost town."

For some reason, which they do not specify, Harry Bridges and the other militant leaders want to seize control of San Francisco, perhaps to establish a dictatorship here and secede from the United States.

The Caylor Column gives the subtle suggestion to the employers that fascist-minded organizations like the Industrial Association, the Waterfront Employers Association and the Chamber of Commerce had better establish a strong bosses' united front, to "stop the Bridges forces."

The warehousemen are demanding a decent living wage, and protection in the form of the closed shop. Caylor admits their demands are "not overwhelming." But the opportunity had to be seized to provoke a new reign of terror against organized labor.

Caylor's advice to the employers—for a strong united front—must be taken seriously by organized labor in the

Bay area and in all California, namely that the strongest unity of organized labor is necessary to prevent the smashing of all genuine unions, a threat clearly to be seen in the current anti-union agitation in the boss press in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and other cities in the state.

## Clearing the Path To WAR and Conquest

Behind a screen of pretended confusion, the major world powers are laying out the plans of a new world conflict with as much calm deliberation as an architect designs a building. Friction, competition and mistrust between the bargaining nations exists in great plenty. But the bargaining itself is proceeding along clear-cut lines.

Great Britain and America control the bulk of finances and raw materials. Germany, Italy, Japan, Austria and Poland are the belligerent nations which are planning a unified war of conquest. The greatest concern of the industrialists of Britain and America is that this conquest shall keep off their own skirt-tails.

Careful marking out of specified areas for fascist conquest, understandings as to divisions of loot figured down to a hair, all these necessary preliminaries are the subject of secret conferences throughout Europe, and will provide as infamous a page to history as the numerous "now it can be told" exposures that followed the last World War.

The following list of accomplishments will testify plainly to the working out of a pre-conceived design.

1.—Systematic wrecking of the League of Nations and of every peace guarantee resultant from the last World War.

2.—The projected substitution of new "guarantees" which leave the way open for conquest against the smaller nations of Europe and the Soviet Union.

3.—Construction of huge military machines by fascist nations, in contravention of all after-war treaties; the materials and, to a large extent the finances, being supplied by Britain and America. Meanwhile, Britain and America indulging in a surface show of "indignation" and "alarm" over the development.

4.—Completion of war pacts which unite Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland and Austria in military understandings.

5.—Extension of Japanese rule all the way into Inner-Mongolia and the establishment of military bases for an attack on Outer-Mongolia and the U. S. S. R., without any real opposition from America, Britain or the League of Nations, aside from the customary "face-savers" of "indignation" and "alarm."

6.—Removal of sanctions on Italy by President Roosevelt and failure to place any embargo against huge shipments of munitions and materials to Japan.

7.—Understandings between Britain and Italy as to spheres of military, air and naval influence in the Mediterranean.

Against this methodical progress toward wars of conquest, is reared a wall of public opinion that is rapidly transforming itself into organized resistance against war and fascism. The capitalist nations must reckon with populations informed and disillusioned as to the merits of international wars. The spectre of revolt hovers over every European and Asiatic country, and the plotting powers face the prospect of their wars of conquest being converted into social revolutions.

**COMMUNISM IS THE AMERICANISATION OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.**

## Browder Report to Convention Urges Fight Against Hearst-Liberty League Republicans

### PEOPLE CANNOT DEPEND ON ROOSEVELT TO FIGHT FORCES OF REACTION WHO OPEN ROAD TO FASCISM IN U. S.

This is the third installment of the draft resolution on the report of Earl Browder, general secretary, to the Ninth Convention of the Communist Party of America.

#### The United Front and Trade Union Unity

1. Ever wider circles of workers are coming to realize the correctness of the declaration of the 7th World Congress—

**that at the present historical stage it is the main and immediate task of the international labor movement to establish the united fighting front of the working class.**

The question of the united front has already become a vital issue among the wide masses of workers and toilers in this country and the Communist Party is coming to be recognized by ever wider masses as the outstanding champion of the united front.

However, there is still lack of sufficient appreciation of what must be the starting point and main content of the united front. It is therefore necessary to explain and demonstrate in practice that—

**"The defense of the immediate economic and political interests of the working class, the defense of the latter against fascism, must be the starting point and form the main content of the workers' united front in all capitalist countries."**

2. Our struggle for the united front with the Socialist Party has made certain progress. United action between the two parties, involving broad circles of workers and toilers, was achieved on such important issues as the liberation of Herndon, the defense of the Scottsboro boys, and in solidifying the progressive forces in various trade unions. But these are only beginnings showing the great possibilities of united action. The beginnings of joint work between Socialists and Communists resulted in the unification of the unemployed movement and the student movement. Closely connected with these united actions and stimulated by them is the further leftward development of the Socialist Party and the growing differentiation between the genuine lefts and the reactionary right wing.

The defeat of the Old Guard in the S. P. is a progressive development. It is a direct result of the Old Guard's reactionary opposition to the united front, its counter-revolutionary Hearstian attitude to the Soviet Union and its social-democratic policies generally. The Waldman group and its projected Social-Democratic Federation stand exposed as splitters and disrupters in the labor movement and must be combatted as the main enemy among Socialists of the united front of the working class and its struggles against the capitalist offensive.

**Old Guard Defeat**

Several factors are militating against the more rapid progress of the united front with the Socialist Party and its further leftward development. These are: (a) the still prevailing hesitation among influential elements of the left Socialists to take up boldly the struggle for the united fighting front of the working class as the main and immediate task of the labor movement;

(b) the increasing obstruction of counter-revolutionary Trotzkyist and Old Guard influences parading in the garb of "lefts" who are especially active in sowing enmity to the Soviet Union and thus working directly into the hands of the fascist inciters of a counter-revolutionary war against the Socialist Fatherland; and (c) the vacillations and inconsistencies of Norman Thomas in the united front with the C. P. coupled with a favorable position on "organic unity" with counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism.

The Thomas tendency of concessions and capitulation to Hoan creates certain dangers for the S. P. and for the united front. This collaboration was mainly responsible for the failure of the S. P. Cleveland Convention to widen the possibilities for united action between the Socialist and Communist Parties, as proposed by the C. P., and for the compromise platform which underestimates the dangers of reaction, leaves the door open for the idea "stick to Roosevelt if you want reforms," urges in effect Socialism without the Socialist revolution, weakens the fight for partial demands, and fails to make the fight for the Farmer-Labor Party a central issue in the election struggle. The continuation of Thomas' concessions to Hoan in questions of principle and on the united front, which spells concessions to the Right Wing, if not coblated and checked by the genuine Lefts in the Socialist Party may produce a backsliding of the Socialist Party towards the pernicious mixture of Right Wingism and Trotzkyism.

**United Actions on Unions**

Conscious of these developments, the Communists must redouble their work for the united front along the following lines: (a) they must continue to seek united ac-

tions especially in the shops, unions, other mass organizations and localities in defense of the immediate economic and political interests of the workers thus proving in practice the possibility and need of the united front; (b) they must assist patiently political and ideological differentiation from the left Socialists in reaching a clearer reactionary Old Guard and from reformism; (c) they must expose firmly and thoroughly the counter-revolutionary influences of Trotzkyism and Old Guardism in the garb of "lefts"; (d) while greeting and supporting every tangible move by Norman Thomas towards united action, we must never fail to point out to the workers that his vacillations and inconsistencies (concessions of principle to Hoan) are seriously hampering the growth of encorage the genuine lefts to assert their political independence and to press forward for the united front and to clearer revolutionary positions, utilizing fully the December referendum; (f) to seek to draw the Socialist Party organizations into joint work for local and state Farmer-Labor Party actions and to press forward for collaboration between the national organizations of the two parties in the election struggle and in the fight for a national Farmer-Labor Party; and (g) to work for joint actions in the struggle for peace while clarifying and combatting the present position of the S.P. on this vital question as a compromise between Roosevelt's "neutrality," Trotzkyism and confused left Socialism, a compromise which militates against an effective struggle against the fascist instigators of war.

#### Struggle for United Front

The Communist Party will continue with all energy, despite all obstacles, to work for the united front between the Communist and Socialist Parties. It will utilize all occasions to approach the National Committee of the Socialist Party for united Actions. And this the Communists will do "without for a moment giving up their independent work in the sphere of Communist education, organization and mobilization of the masses." The National Convention warns against all tendencies to slacken on this independent work—the most effective way of stimulating united action—as well as against all tendencies to mistake radical phrases for deeds.

3. Our struggle for trade union unity has made important progress. As a result, the efforts of the reactionaries to divide the workers by the use of Red-baiting are meeting with lesser and lesser success. The movement for industrial unionism and trade union democracy is making big headway. The progressive forces in the AFL are becoming more solidified and conscious of their aims. The immediate tasks confronting us in the struggle for trade union unity are: (a) to press forward more energetically on the issue of organizing the unorganized in the basic industries into industrial unions, democratically administered, and following a policy of class struggle. We must seek to isolate the reactionaries (auto, steel, etc.) who stand in the way of organizing the unorganized, demanding that the CIO pass over from words to deeds, carrying on independent work of educating and mobilizing the masses for the realization of this aim; we must strive to win the craft unions for the policy of industrial unionism and for the support of the C. I. O. The strengthening of the Maritime Federation and the Transport Workers Federation and similar federations of craft unions will be a great step forward in the fight for the industrial form of organization and in winning the craft unions in support of the C. I. O. (b) to raise sharply in the unions and among the workers generally the question of struggle for higher wages, shorter work-day and against speed-up. We must seek to widen and strengthen the wage movement to meet the increasing cost of living as one of the most important tasks at the present time; (c) to expose and combat all efforts of the Green-Hutcheson reactionaries to obstruct the organization of the unorganized into industrial unions and to split the AFL, to mobilize the masses to defeat the conspiracy of the reactionaries to split the trade union movement which would tremendously benefit the offensive of reaction, to work for a united and powerful AFL built upon industrial unions, democratically administered and following a policy of class struggle. Above all to fight for the organization of steel, auto and rubber into powerful industrial unions; (d) to expose the Green-Hutcheson clique as servants of the Hearst-Landon combination and to seek the defeat of the Green-Hutcheson clique in the AFL as the main enemies of the united struggle of the workers against their enemies; (e) to explain patiently to the workers (especially the organized labor movement) that the policy of opposing the Farmer-Labor Party and of depending upon Roosevelt weakens and divides labor, and to raise

more widely in all unions the struggle for the independence and unity of labor on the industrial and political fields.

#### Unification of Jobless

4. To promote further the struggle for the unification of the unemployed movements it is necessary to develop more systematically the daily struggles of the unemployed for their immediate demands. Only in such united daily actions in all localities will the unemployed movements become fully united. And on the basis of such mass struggles, we must develop further the growing mass movement for unemployment, old age and social insurance, for the Frazier-Lundeen Bills, and for the Marcantonio Bill. The chief task is to organize the utmost mass resistance to every attempt to cut relief and to seek systematic collaboration between Socialists and Communists as the best guarantee for the organization of such mass struggles.

5. The central task in promoting the unity of action of the Negro people remains the policy of bringing about a united Negro People's Front, as initiated by the Negro Congress. The success of this movement demands more intensive mass mobilization for daily struggles against Negro discriminations (in unions, jobs, relief, education, etc.), against lynching and for equal rights. The main practical tasks are to build the Negro Congress, to promote the organization of the Negro workers in the unions, to improve our work in the South and to develop the Negro leading personnel.

6. The struggle for unity of action of the toiling farmers is still in its very first beginning. An outstanding weakness in this field of the united front is the lack of systematic daily mass struggles for the immediate economic and political interests of the toiling farmers, resulting from a failure to adopt new policies, forms of organizations. It is chiefly this weakness that enables the spokesmen of the rich farmers in alliance with Roosevelt to parade as the representatives of "all" farmers and in this way to submerge the demands and aspirations of the small farmer, the tenant and sharecropper, especially the Negroes, as well as the bulk of the middle farmers. To overcome this weakness, and to improve our work among the agricultural workers, is the chief task of the Communists on the agrarian field.

#### Youth Unity

7. Among the youth the struggle for the united front has made great advance. The further progress in this field will depend primarily upon the efforts of every Party organization, and of the Party as a whole, to make itself fully responsible for youth work and to render more assistance than ever before to the work of the YCL in realizing the line of the Sixth World Congress of the YCI, to create a united mass organization of the basic industries into industrial unions, democratically administered, and following a policy of class struggle. We must seek to isolate the reactionaries (auto, steel, etc.) who stand in the way of organizing the unorganized, demanding that the CIO pass over from words to deeds, carrying on independent work of educating and mobilizing the masses for the realization of this aim; we must strive to win the craft unions for the policy of industrial unionism and for the support of the C. I. O. The strengthening of the Maritime Federation and the Transport Workers Federation and similar federations of craft unions will be a great step forward in the fight for the industrial form of organization and in winning the craft unions in support of the C. I. O. (b) to raise sharply in the unions and among the workers generally the question of struggle for higher wages, shorter work-day and against speed-up. We must seek to widen and strengthen the wage movement to meet the increasing cost of living as one of the most important tasks at the present time; (c) to expose and combat all efforts of the Green-Hutcheson reactionaries to obstruct the organization of the unorganized into industrial unions and to split the AFL, to mobilize the masses to defeat the conspiracy of the reactionaries to split the trade union movement which would tremendously benefit the offensive of reaction, to work for a united and powerful AFL built upon industrial unions, democratically administered and following a policy of class struggle. Above all to fight for the organization of steel, auto and rubber into powerful industrial unions; (d) to expose the Green-Hutcheson clique as servants of the Hearst-Landon combination and to seek the defeat of the Green-Hutcheson clique in the AFL as the main enemies of the united struggle of the workers against their enemies; (e) to explain patiently to the workers (especially the organized labor movement) that the policy of opposing the Farmer-Labor Party and of depending upon Roosevelt weakens and divides labor, and to raise

more widely in all unions the struggle for the independence and unity of labor on the industrial and political fields.

#### The Farmer-Labor Party

1. The Ninth National Convention reaffirms the decisions of the November Plenum of the C. C., which said:

"The building of a Farmer-Labor Party at the present time is the most burning need of the working class of America, of the toiling farmers and of the middle classes. The building of such a party is the only way in which the working people of this country can seriously undertake to improve their intolerable conditions, to shift the burden of the crisis back to the shoulders of the rich, and to ward off the growing menace of capitalist reaction, fascism and war. It is the only way in which the working people can make an effective stand for their own interests in the national elections of 1936."

2. We are now in the midst of a process of political realignment on a mass scale which inevitably affects the old capitalist parties. The two-party system continues to crack and these cracks are bound to become wider with the sharpening of the class struggle. The historically necessary separation of the American working class

from the capitalist parties is on its way but it is a painful process which is meeting with great obstacles. It is the central task of the Communists to overcome these obstacles and to bring about the separation of the working class from the capitalist parties without delay.

#### People's Front Problems

3. The movement for independent political action and for a Farmer-Labor Party is making serious headway among the workers, toiling farmers, Negroes and middle classes. Local movements for labor parties and farmer-labor parties are developing in many points. The idea of a People's Front against reaction, fascism and war, through a Farmer-Labor Party, is getting hold of wide masses of people. The support received by the Gorham resolution at the A. F. of L. Convention and, subsequently, the formation of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation in Wisconsin (though seriously weakened by insufficient labor leadership and failure to include the Communist Party), the leftward development of the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, the painful successful struggles of the Epic and similar movements towards independent political actions—all these developments attest the vitality and spread of the movement for a Farmer-Labor Party. Indirectly, this is also seen in the fact that some of the opponents of the Farmer-Labor Party in the labor movement find it expedient to pay lip service to the labor party in general while opposing all practical measures towards its organization. The fact that Lewis, Hillman and Dubinsky found it necessary to organize Labor's Non-Partisan League and to publicly differentiate it from the official so-called labor committee of the Democratic Party is in itself a tribute, whether voluntary among the masses for independent political action and for a break with the capitalist parties.

#### Elections Problems

4. It has already been established that a Presidential Farmer-Labor ticket in 1936 was no longer possible. This resulted from the fact that the main body of the trade union movement, excepting the reactionaries, has thrown its support to the policy of re-electing Roosevelt; and to the additional fact that the Socialist Party did not join hands with the Communist Party in past months in prosecuting the campaign for the Farmer-Labor Party. Yet precisely because there will be no Farmer-Labor Party Presidential ticket in 1936 it becomes necessary more than before for the Socialist and Communist Parties to consult and work together in the election struggle and in the promotion of the movement for a Farmer-Labor Party. Only in this way can both parties fulfill their mission in this period of leading in the mobilization of the masses against capitalist reaction and against the Republican-Liberty League-Hearst combination and of crystallizing the maximum degree of independent political action by the working class and its allies in the course of the forthcoming crucial election struggles. At the present time it becomes of the utmost importance to carry out a joint struggle for the election of a strong bloc of Farmer-Labor Congressmen and for the winning of local governments (especially in one-industry towns) by Farmer-Labor Parties. The qualified endorsement of local labor parties by the Cleveland Convention of the Socialist Party constitutes a rejection of the Trotzkyist position on this question, though Trotzkyist obstruction is increasing. While totally inadequate in the present situation, the resolution of the Socialist Party Convention on the Farmer-Labor Party offers an opportunity for the genuine lefts to fight to bring in the Socialist Party as an effective force in the building of local labor parties and in the fight for electing a block of Farmer-Labor Congressmen. The formation of the Akron Labor Party, participated in by the Socialist Party and the Communist Party, together with the unions, and similar developments, will enable us to win the Socialist Party organizations to joint work for the Farmer-Labor Party.

(Concluded Next Issue)

# Chinese Civil War May Develop Into Nation-wide Independence Revolution

## Nanking Troops Rebelling Against Chiang Kai-shek

### JAPAN EXTENDS RULE INTO MONGOLIA

HONG KONG, China.—Battles between Cantonese and Nanking troops are raging on the borders of Kwangsi and Kwangtung provinces.

At Hunan, 7,000 soldiers of Chiang Kai-shek's Army have revolted and set themselves up as an anti-Japanese salvation army in solidarity with Cantonese troops. Scores of other rebellions in the Nanking Army have occurred in past weeks, particularly in the Northern provinces where whole regiments, bag and baggage, have gone over to the Red Army of Soviet China.

In marching a punitive expedition against South China provinces, which are demanding a war of defense against Japanese invasion, Chiang Kai-shek has flung the torch which, it is predicted, will set all China ablaze. Outraged by the Nanking dictator's continual betrayals to Japanese and other foreign powers, indignant at widespread suppression of civil rights, exasperated by unrelied conditions of poverty and exploitation, the giant strength of the Chinese masses is uniting in demands for a People's government and resistance to Japanese aggression.

#### GERMAN MUNITIONS

Chiang, whose armies have been covertly subsidized by foreign powers, has just completed an agreement with Germany for the purchase of \$30,000,000 worth of arms and munitions, to be paid for in shipments of raw materials. The agreement is in the nature of a loan from Germany, since the arms are to be delivered immediately, but the raw materials to be delivered over a period of six years.

In North China, the powerful Chinese Red Army, seasoned by years of combat with the mercenary troops of Chiang Kai-shek, are ready to give full support to the people's movement for a united China and a war of defense. Nanking troops have recently refused to march against the Red forces.

#### INNER MONGOLIA

Inner Mongolia, under Japanese influence has declared its independence from China proper and established a Japanese-controlled government on the same pattern as Manchukuo. This plants the Japanese war machine still more firmly on the border of Outer Mongolia, which is bound to the Soviet Union by a mutual defense pact.

Japanese warships have been stationed at North China ports to prevent Chinese customs boats from collecting tariff from the importation of Chinese goods. The Japanese, under cover of naval and military forces, have been carrying on an intense campaign of smuggling with an eye to wrecking Chinese economy.

Japanese troops have invaded Peiping and are exercising virtual control over the city.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN DEADLOCK ABOUT DARDANELLES ISSUE

MONTREUX, Switzerland.—On the insistence of Great Britain, the League of Nations conference meeting here to discuss Turkey's demand that she be permitted to re-fortify the Dardanelles is being held behind closed doors.

Of key strategic values in event-of-war, the Dardanelles provide the only entrance to the Black Sea from the Mediterranean. Britain sacrificed thousands of lives to gain control of this "bottle-neck" during the World War. Terms of the Lausanne treaty forbade Turkey to fortify the straits.

In view of present fascist alliances which point toward conquest of Asia Minor and the smaller European Nations, Turkey is demanding the right, not only to fortify the Dardanelles, but to limit the traffic of ships through it.

#### TOTAL DISAGREEMENT

Present reports are based on leakage of information through the cracks in the magnanimity conference door. They indicate that practically all powers are in disagreement over the issue for a variety of reasons.

The Soviet Union asks freedom for Soviet warships of all classes to pass in and out of the Black Sea. Otherwise, the Black Sea fleet would be isolated from the rest of the Soviet navy, marooned, in fact, in a veritable lake.

On the other hand, the Soviets contend that no nation which does not border on the Black Sea should be permitted to send warships through the straits unless on courtesy visits or to enforce League sanctions.

#### IMPERIALIST STAND

Britain and Japan contend that no restrictions should be placed on the warships of any nation, despite the fact that outside powers could have no other reason for sending fleets to the Black Sea than for aggression.

Italy, not participating in the conference, has sent word it will not recognize any arrangement, regardless of what the League delegates decide. Italy has constructed huge naval air bases on the Dedacanese islands just off the coast of Turkey.

## Ignored



Pedro Albizu Campos, Puerto Rican independence leader. Demands of the destitute Puerto Rican people for freedom were ignored by congress when it adjourned without taking action on the pressing needs of the island. Wall Street exploitation of the island netted \$500,000,000 in profits and has left the population unemployed, starving and wracked by disease. The rape of Puerto Rico constitutes one of the most revolting and terrible crimes in the history of imperialism.

## ATHLETES IN SOVIET UNION HAVE SPECIAL PHYSICAL INSTITUTE

All Citizens May Have Free Advice of Experts on What Sport They Are Best Fitted to Succeed In

Reprinted From The Moscow Daily News

Do you want to know whether you could achieve greater success in the 500 meter run than on the soccer field? If you wish to be a champion in some sport, do you want to know whether you would be much better off if you dropped ice skating and took up tennis instead?

There is one place in Moscow that attempts to solve such problems for you. This is the Institute of Physiotherapy and Physical Culture, which is situated on Petrovka 25. Organized a year ago by the Peoples Commissariat of Health of RSFSR, the institute is pursuing its work in the field of physical culture along three main lines.

#### SKILLED ADVICE

The medical control department occupies itself with such tricky problems as assisting the would-be athlete in choosing a sports "profession," deciding when an athlete has reached his best form, setting the date when an athlete who has been ill may begin training again and when he may participate in contests and studying athletic types with a view towards determining which types of persons are most suitable for the different sports.

Professor Ivanovsky, who heads this department, does not claim that upon examining a person, the institute can at present invariably pick the sport in which this individual will inevitably "make good." But he does believe that such type selection will become more or less of an exact science in the near future.

#### EXPERIENCE TEACHES

"We have compiled a mass of valuable data in the short time the institute has been in existence," he told the Moscow Daily News. "And as our data daily become more complete, so we achieve even greater accuracy in our diagnoses of sport types.

The healing department cures cases of rheumatism, heart trouble and bad digestion by the sole means of physical culture. This section of the institute also draws up plans of setting up exercises and recommends the proper sport for sanatorium patients.

#### BACK ON THEIR FEET

The traumatism department takes athletes who have been seriously injured and puts them back on their feet so that they may not only return to work but also continue their sporting activities. An upper floor in the institute has been converted into a combined hospital and sanatorium, where these injured sportmen live until completely healed. It costs the institute 700 rubles a month to take care of each patient but the bill is footed by the government.

On odd days, any citizen, athlete or not, may receive a free and thorough examination and full information in regard to his health training regimes diet and other questions connected with his participation in sports. Through the mail, the institute extends its assistance to all parts of the Soviet Union. Thousands of men and women athletes of Moscow send their sports problems by mail; all their letters are answered.

Moscow Daily News, May 14, 1936.

## United States Navy Is Largest in the World

### HUGE APPROPRIATIONS SET WORLD RECORD

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Determination of Wall Street to defend its investments abroad is well expressed in the recent attention being shown the U. S. Navy.

America is now the greatest naval power in the world by a considerable margin. Comparative strength of world navies can be seen from the following chart:

No. of Ships	Obsolete	Being Built	Total
United States 342	87	84	513
Brit. Empire 303	146	49	498
Japan 211	148	36	395
France 209	144	38	391
Italy 189	119	34	342
Germany 61	32	37	130

America is spending more money on her navy than any other nation on earth. The following official U. S. Government figures indicate the proportions:

Recent U. S. Naval appropriations amounted to: 1934-35, \$440,604,669; 1935-36, \$463,057,040; 1936-37, \$529,125,806.

British appropriations were: 1934-35, \$275,000,000; 1935-36, \$292,000,000.

Japanese appropriations were: 1934-35, \$234,600,000; 1935-36, \$263,800,000.

French appropriations were: 1934-35, \$115,500,000; 1935-36, \$114,000,000.

Italian appropriations were: 1934-35, \$84,000; 1935-36, \$114,500,000.

War preparations under the Roosevelt government have set an all-time high for a peace-period. During June, 1935, some 68 war ships were being constructed out of WPA funds.

Many more funds are being used for naval building than are indicated in the official figures. During 1936, in addition to the regular naval appropriation, the Navy is receiving \$156,326,983 in allotments from emergency funds and \$25,197,575 from deficiency bills and WPA funds.

In addition to all this, another appropriation of \$38,000,000 was made for the improvement of fortifications on the Pacific

A Treasury Department appropriation of \$5,265,995 was made out of work relief funds at Hawaii, and at the Panama Canal funds to the Coast Guard this year.

In the face of these war expenditures, it is announced that Federal relief funds will be cut more than 50 per cent for the coming fiscal year.

## CANTONESE FORCES WELL EQUIPPED TO WAR WITH NANKING

CANTON, China—Rumors that the rebellious province has submitted to the Nanking government and abandoned its demand for a war of resistance against Japan, are emphatically denied here.

General Chen Chia-tang, head of Kwangtung military forces has reaffirmed that if Nanjing troops step across his border the result will be civil war.

Kwangtung covers an area about half the size of France and has a population of 36,000,000. It maintains an army of 250,000, a powerful air force and a navy. These troops are fully equipped with electrically operated, self-directing anti-aircraft guns. General Chen has two arsenals, one in Canton and one six miles to the North, which were recently fully outfitted with European machinery. They are under the management of German and Czech munitions experts. All types of armaments are manufactured in cluding field guns, trench mortars, machine guns, rifles, pistols and munitions.

A large airplane factory is operating in Canton. Engines are imported but the planes are built on the spot. The Canton government is expecting a shipment of six huge bombers recently ordered from Germany.

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## A Life and Death Matter



Otto Richter and his young American wife marched through the streets of New York with these placards in a last-minute, desperate effort to save his life. Ordered deported to fascist Germany, the young anti-Nazi would have faced the torture chambers of Hitler had not this demonstration resulted in a postponement. The order of deportation was for June 12.

## French Strikers Arrest Fascist Provocateurs Blum Government to Increase Pay of Soldiers

### ABOLISHMENT OF DEVIL'S ISLAND WILL BE INCLUDED AMONG OTHER SOCIAL REFORMS

PARIS, France—The French cabinet has proposed doubling the pay of soldiers and sailors. The proposal will be submitted to Parliament and favorable action is expected immediately.

Although "doubling" has the sound of a substantial increase, the pay of the armed forces will still be extremely trivial and additional raises at a later date are probable. The wage at present amounts to 25 cents per day, or about one and four-fifths cents.

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## READERS SAY

## FINGERPRINT MENACE

Western Worker,  
Dear Comrades:

At the recent discussion held by unit 102, it was brought out that insufficient attention is being paid by the party to the menace of fingerprinting.

Since many of our comrades are unable to give reasons against this procedure. It is the recommendation of unit 102 that the Western Worker publish several articles on this question, giving detailed reasons why this measure must be defeated. We are quite certain that this information will be of value to the entire party and to all readers of our press.

Comradely yours  
Unit 102  
San Francisco, Calif.

## THE BROTHERHOOD OF EL DORADO

Comrade Editor:

I haven't noticed "The Robinhood of El Dorado," on your recommended list of films.

This is a thrilling heart-stirring picture of early California, depicting the savagery and brutality with which Americans robbed the Mexicans of their lands and holdings.

This film is especially recommended for those super-patriots who want to ship all Mexicans and aliens back to where they came from.

It's amazing that such a film can come from Hollywood. (Warner Baxter starred)

## PUBLICIZING BROADCASTS

Western Worker,  
Dear Comrades:

This is a copy of a postcard we made up and posted out, 25 of them; one to Detroit to North Bend, one to Texas several to Arizona and the rest to California.

Could have sent out many more but no funds.

Anhoy, I'm hoping the broadcasts is not stopped at the California border line like the fascists stop the unemployed workers.

Your Comrades,  
The C\_\_\_\_\_ Family,  
Oakland Calif.

Note: The card bore an announcement of the broadcasts of the Communist Party National Convention on Sunday, June 28, 1936, from 1 to 2 p.m.

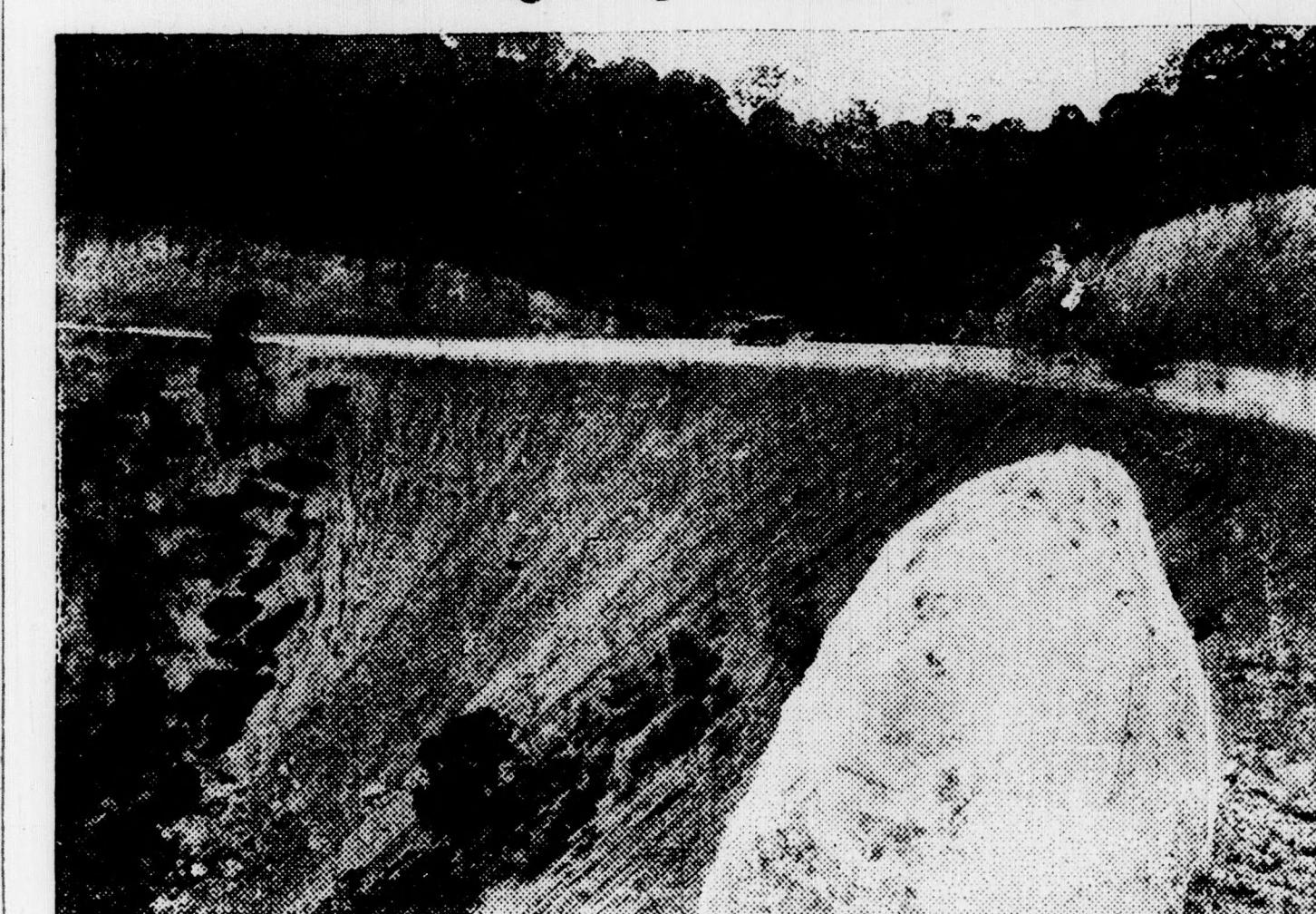
## WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. FORCES FROM SOUTH CHINA IS REQUESTED

LOS ANGELES.—Requesting withdrawal of United States warships sent to South China "to help protect American financial interests, including large oil companies," members of the American Friends of the Chinese People, meeting at the Hollywood Conservatory of Music, drafted a letter to be sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

The principal speaker was Norman David Hanwell, writer, who told how striking Chinese students engaged in anti-Japanese demonstrations in the northern provinces have their wills drawn up the day before the strike is called, so severe is the penalty for displeasing the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek, China's murderous dictator.

A new crime has been invented by the Chinese overlords of Northern China, the writer said. It is "national salvation," with which many students are charged after joining the national liberation movement.

Howell has recently returned from a two-years' tour of the Chinese interior.



*Isolation of Mexico from the United States is diminished by the great Pan-American Highway leading from the American border into Mexico City. Sharp curves, such as are pictured above, are plentiful; but tourists report traveling is smooth and satisfactory over the whole route. Already, young Americans have been reported to have hitch hiked all the way to the Mexican capital.*

## RESEARCH SCIENTIST DE KRUIF FEATURED IN YOUTH MAGAZINE

NEW YORK CITY—The July issue of the CHAMPION of Youth, issued June 23rd, features Dr. Paul de Kruif, author of "The Microbe Hunters" and the currently popular "Why Keep Them Alive" in a leading article written especially for young people.

Dr. de Kruif as one of America's foremost research scientists and medical historians, has some important and brilliant advice to give young people in search of a medical or scientific career. "Not a week passes," de Kruif writes in his article, "without several letters coming to me from youngsters male and female, from fourteen years to twenty-four telling me that they've read my books, and that these books have helped them want to be searchers, or doctors but they haven't any money, and what shall they do?" In his customary robust and intimate manner Dr. de Kruif tells why there is no opportunity in science, what the exact situation is, and offers what is perhaps the soundest and most friendly advice young people have ever received from men who lead in their chosen work.

## INCREASE IN SOVIET AUTOS IS SCHEDULED

MOSCOW.—The Stakhanovite movement will bring real results in production of automobiles in the Soviet Union this year, according to plans revealed for construction of 161,500 automobiles in 1936 compared to 96,700 last year.

First sedans ever to be made here will be produced, the most luxurious type to be a seven-passenger closed-car to be produced by the Moscow Stalin Automobile Plant. It will have an eight-cylinder motor of 110 horsepower and a speed approaching 100 miles per hour. Four thousand of these will be produced.

First new sedans of the five-passenger type are scheduled to leave the assembly lines of the Gorki Automobile Plant soon. These cars will be of 52 horsepower and will total 13,000 in 1936.

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## New Highway to Mexico City

## Bakcsy Back Blubbering To Alibi Byington Ford

## PEEPING TOM AFFAIR DISGUSTS CARMEL

CARMEL, Calif.—Captain Bakcsy, the racketeering labor spy who recently bilked the San Francisco Industrial Association out of thousands of dollars by concocting a wild yarn about "Moscow gold" reaching the maritime unions through Carmel, again turned up here to address a closed meeting of the American Legion on June 22nd.

Byington Ford, local red-baiter and Commander of the Carmel Legion Post, who collaborated with Bakcsy in the conspiracy, brought the spy back to help him save his face in view of widespread public censorship of the incident. The activities of Ford and Bakcsy have been repudiated by the Carmel Legion Post and bitterly condemned in the local press. Bakcsy had disappeared from the scene ever since a complete exposure of his racket appeared in the May issue 21st of the Western Worker.

## THE HOUSE WITH EARS

Previously, Bakcsy had hoodwinked the San Francisco Industrial Association into believing his yarn and financing an elaborate "Red Trap" in Carmel to catch the alleged "Reds." In league with Byington Ford, he rented a large house here, masqueraded under the name of Captain Sharkey, and sought to lure local residents into his trap. The house was completely wired with dictaphones.

In addition to this, Bakcsy tried to fascinate his guests with a display of machine guns and other murderous paraphernalia calculated to appeal to their dispositions. He even tried to present a Tommy-gun to a local working man.

## MANUFACTURING EVIDENCE

He employed a local youth to make a copper plaque with a hammer and sickle on it, and took this device back to San Francisco as evidence.

Ford acted as the go-between for the Industrial Association and the spy apparatus.

Bakcsy is one of the most notorious spies in American labor history and was the man who betrayed "Big Bill" Haywood during the days of the last war.

At the June 22nd meeting, Bakcsy tried to clear Ford of his responsibility in the affair and also to give it some flavor of justification. Both efforts failed.

Bakcsy proclaimed that his "investigation" had yielded all the information he was after. This conflicts with the fact that the Industrial Association, after discovering he was "pulling their leg," booted him out and abandoned the plot.

## THE MAD HOUSE

He gave additional details about his fantastic "house of a million ears," describing how dictaphones were concealed in light fixtures, fireplaces and in the Christmas tree. It is even reputed he had one installed in the bath room. Byington Ford and others sat at the other end of the wire listening for sedition. Secretaries were on hand to take down every word, however trivial.

Inside the house, drinks were piled on guests in an effort to loosen their tongues. Later their finger prints were taken from the glasses. Moving pictures were taken unbeknownst to the visitors. Altogether Bakcsy's residence could be described as a peeping Tom's Paradise.

## LEGION REPUDIATES

The local Legion Post addressed an official communication to the editors of the "Carmel Pine Cone," repudiating the activities of Bakcsy and Ford and requesting that their sentiments be published. The newspaper obliged in a long editorial exonerating the Legion Post, but adding a scorching condemnation of Ford's peeping Tom enterprise.

## SUGGEST CUT TB CASES

LOS ANGELES—Curtailment of treatment for tubercular patients at the Olive View Sanitarium has been suggested by County Superintendent of Charities Rex Thomson to the County Board of Supervisors.

Thomson would limit treatment at the institution exclusively for acute cases—generally hopeless cases—and deny preventive treatment of tuberculosis cases.

## Underground



The U. S. Government emulates the squirrel and buries its nuts for the future. This huge new vault under construction at Fort Knox, Kentucky will house America's gold reserve in chamber 88 feet underground. Gold supplies formerly stored in coast cities have recently been moved farther inland.

## Emancipated

## Brazil Envoy Threatens Death for Luiz Prestes

## TONGUE SLIPS DURING RECENT INTERVIEW

NEW YORK CITY—Grave apprehension for the fate of Luiz Carlos Prestes, imprisoned Brazilian people's leader, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evert German Communist refugees in Brazil was expressed by Miss Anna Damon, Acting National Secretary of the International Labor Defense following an interview in Washington with Brazilian Ambassador Oswald Aranha.

Miss Damon, who went to Washington as a member of a delegation organized by the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, told in New York of the impression of imminent danger to these three people should the world wave of protest against their incarceration at torture fail to reach the necessary heights to guarantee their protection.

## ARROGANT REFUSAL

"Ambassador Aranha, evidently speaking on behalf of his government, insisted that under no circumstances would these prisoners be freed," Miss Damon said.

"He threatened reprisals against demonstrators before Brazilian consulates in the United States—a threat which he evidently tried to make good in the ordered police attack Friday upon the demonstration in New York, where Frank Spector, New York State Secretary and Sam Duglin, International State Secretary of the International Labor Defense, were arrested.

## MURDER THREATENED

"Throughout the interview, he kept repeating that 'these men would be punished,' and even at one point so betrayed the vengefulness of the Vargas government by stating that 'we will punish them, we will kill them.' Later he tried to make this appear to have been a slip of the tongue, but the warning was out."

"He even insisted that Evert and his wife, who are threatened with deportation to Germany, which means imprisonment and probable death for them, will not be permitted to seek sanctuary in Mexico and under all circumstances will be punished by the Vargas government before being deported.

## PROTEST URGED

"All trade unions, all liberal-minded people, should rally at once to the defense of Prestes, Mr. and Mrs. Evert and the 17,000 political prisoners in Vargas' dungeons. Protests and resolutions should shower from every part of the country on Ambassador Aranha.

## YOUNG NEGRO POET PENS TRIBUTE FOR PASSING OF GORKI

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Hilton A. Phillips, young local Negro poet, has penned a heartfelt tribute to the passing of the great Soviet author, Maxim Gorky. Phillips is the author of a book of class-conscious poetry, "Flames of Rebellion."

## THE PASSING OF MAXIM GORKI

By Hilton A. Phillips.

He was a courageous champion of the common masses, and a fearless fighter against injustice, in a world in which enthroned tyrants once ruled supreme.

He dies—lo a champion of earth's oppressed,  
Doth humbly sleep, his work of glory done;

Over his ashes chant, the songs he loved best;

The tribute of a nation great to her beloved son.

Stilled is the voice, that long millions inspired,

Silent the pen that long for justice fought;  
long shall we think of him, whose fearless pen oft fired

Us with courage and strength, despite our bitter lot.

Alas! and countless numbers mourn,  
As to the tomb, his bier slowly is borne,  
From Arctic floe, to the far Caspian Sea,  
From Minsk to Okhotsk shore, long live his memory.

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Hilton's book, "Flames of Rebellion" can be obtained at \$2.00 per copy by addressing Box 63, Station K, Los Angeles, Calif.

## NEW MAMMOTH GUNS FOR PACIFIC COAST

SAN FRANCISCO.—War preparations in the Pacific were strengthened here by addition of four mammoth 16-inch rifles capable of hurling projectiles nearly 30 miles, according to announcement by Major George S. Simmonds, new commander of the 9th Corps Area.

Recently completed at a Navy arsenal, the guns will be installed both north and south of the Golden Gate, two at Fort Moultrie and two at Tennessee Point, Marin County, to be mounted after steel and concrete emplacements are built and huge carriages constructed. Added men will be charge of the guns.

## "FINGERPRINT" FRICKE

LOS ANGELES—Superior Judge Charles J. Fricke wants national fingerprinting, recently in the Lido Room of the Knickerbocker the reactionary Hollywood 20-30 Club.

# Seeing RED

**By Michael Quin**

## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF A Play in 1 Act.

CHARACTERS: Governor Blan-  
don, publisher Worst, banker Horgan,  
and the photographer.

SCENE: The photographer's studio.  
All the characters are on the stage when  
the curtain rises.

WORST: (Depositing a large bun-  
dle on a table and beginning to untie  
the string.) Now, Governor, if you  
don't mind taking off your clothes.

Governor: My God, man! You  
don't want my picture in the nude?

HORGAN: That's not the idea, old  
man. If you're going to be elected  
President you're going to have to win  
the hearts of the people. Americans  
like rugged he-men. They like the  
human, outdoor, hau-fellow-well-met  
sort of thing. Perhaps a touch of the  
rustic philosopher—a shade on the Will  
Rogers pattern.

WORST: Take off that suit. They  
won't vote for you in that. You look  
exactly like the man they work for. I've  
got an outfit for you here.

Governor: (Removing his  
coat.) Dear me! Complicated isn't it?  
Well, I suppose you gentlemen know  
your business. (He continues to strip  
down to his long woolen underwear.)

HORGAN: We elected Roosevelt,  
didn't we? We elected Hoover. We  
elected Coolidge. We elected Harding.  
We elected them all. Take off your  
shoes.

Governor: Dear me! The shoes  
too? Oh, very well.

WORST: (Unwrapping the paper  
and revealing a heap of clothing.) Here  
you are! A man of the forest and plain.  
(Lifts up a pair of high-laced hiking  
boots.) Zane Grey, Harold Bell Wright,  
Buffalo Bill. We'll make you look like  
something.

Governor: Good Heavens,  
man! You're not serious?

HORGAN: (Chewing the end of a  
cigar.) Do you want to be President or  
don't you.

Governor: Oh, yes indeed!

HORGAN: Then put on that outfit  
and don't ask so damned many questions.

WORST: Here's a leather jacket, a  
pair of khaki trousers, a khaki shirt and  
an oil stained felt hat.

Governor: I suppose you know  
what you're doing. (Starts to put on  
outfit.) But what's my wife going to  
say to all this? I'll never live it down.

WORST: She wants to be the First  
Lady of the Land, don't she?

HORGAN: She wants you to be  
President, don't she?

Governor: Dear me: I sup-  
pose you're right.

WORST: Do you like dogs?

Governor: Indeed no. I can't  
abide the animals.

HORGAN: Well, from now on, you  
like dogs. Understand?

Governor: But, my dear fel-  
low, they smell.

WORST: Smell or no smell, you  
like dogs. If anybody asks you, just  
remember, you like dogs.

Governor: Dear me!

HORGAN: There ain't nobody  
going to elect you president unless you  
like dogs. Ain't that right, Worst?

WORST: Not only that, but you  
like horses. Don't forget that.

Governor: (Lacing the boots.)  
My soul! Imagine having to put these  
on every morning.

HORGAN: This will prove that you  
are a regular guy—a man of the  
people. Stand over there and let's have a  
look at you.

Governor: (Standing at a dis-  
tance and posing stiffly.) My! I must  
look odd.

WORST: You look like Hell, if you  
ask me. But you'll have to do. (Walks  
over, takes hat, ruffles it, crams it  
down haphazard on the Governor's head,  
then backs up to study the effect.)  
That's better.

HORGAN: Have you got your  
pipe?

Governor: Oh, yes! I have it  
right here. Yes indeed. (Procures thin,

## A DIARY OF A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By LeMae

### DIARY OF A CLASS CONSCIOUS SEAMAN —CHAPTER XV.

Just as the tender nosed her well rounded  
breast into the pier, Bozart and I changed  
our minds and decided to prowl around  
Shanghai a few hours longer before going  
back aboard ship.

We left the French Concession and sauntered  
nonchalantly into Chapei, the Chinese  
city of Shanghai. Sidestepping ragged human  
forms lying prostrate on the narrow,  
greasy sidewalk and brushing up against  
countless shabbily dressed Chinese soldiers.  
I pulled my partner up short as a poster  
caught my eye. In creaming letters it  
read "Now Playing-Chapayev — a story of  
Soviet Russia."

We put our helm hard over and steered  
into the theater. Chinese in all class of  
dress were entering—a flock of white  
Russians led the way. Bozart and I sat down  
in the rear of the house and waited for  
the show to start. The place was packed.

"Hope it's got some action in it," Bozart  
leaned his chubby frame back more com-  
fortably and whispered to me.

We got "action" in darn short order. But  
from an unexpected source. The first thing  
that flashed on the screen was a news  
reel about Soviet Russia. An ear splitting

spindly little pipe from his coat and  
holds it up for inspection.)

WORST: Do you expect to get up  
enough steam on that thing to get as  
fast as the White House?

HORGAN: That ain't no pipe.  
That's a pimp stick. Here. Take this.  
(Hands the Governor an enormous  
curved stem college pipe.) Stick that  
in your face.

Governor: My goodness! What  
a whopper. (Puts pipe in mouth.)

WORST: (Shaking his head.) Hor-  
gan, I think you and I have been a  
couple of damned fools. This man looks  
like an idiot.

HORGAN: It's too late to do any-  
thing about it now. We've picked him  
and he'll have to do. Besides, I don't  
know as I agree with you. I think he  
look kind of homely and agreeable.

WORST: I was right in the first  
place. We should have picked an iron  
man. Some guy with a jaw like a bum-  
per. A dictator. A scowler.

HORGAN: Now don't go fussing  
about that now. Later on we can spring  
that if we have to. It's always just as  
well to have a few tricks in reserve.

(Turning to photographer) Are you  
ready?

PHOTOGRAPHER: Will you  
stand just a little bit to the left, Gov-  
ernor.

WORST: (In rage.) Damn you—  
you blasphemous Bolshevik. How dare  
you say the word "Left" in my pres-  
ence.

PHOTOGRAPHER: I'm sorry,  
sir. I simply meant—

WORST: Who cares what you  
meant? You blubbering fool. If I ever  
hear you mention that word in my  
presence again I'll send you to the  
penitentiary for Criminal Syndicalism.

Do you understand?

PHOTOGRAPHER: I'm sorry,  
sir. I won't slip again. I promise I  
won't.

WORST: That's better. Now go  
on with your work.

HORGAN: Provoking, isn't it?

WORST: Unbearable. Crops up  
wherever you go. Result of insidious  
propaganda. (To the Governor) Now  
see if you can't look alive.

(Photographer braces himself focus-  
ing camera on Governor.)

HORGAN: (Walks over to Gov-  
ernor.) Put your arm up this way. Take  
hold of the pipe. That's right. Relax a  
bit. (Pushes the Governor's arm about  
to achieve effect.) That's right. Now  
smile. (Back up to study effect.)

WORST: As I think of it now, we  
ought to have him holding a bunch of  
dead ducks on a string and carrying a  
shotgun.

HORGAN: What! Think what  
you're saying, man! Think of all the  
women who oppose cruelty to animals!

WORST: I never thought of that.  
Maybe it's just as well this way. My  
God! But he looks silly.

HORGAN: Never mind, man. It's  
what the public wants. (To the Gov-  
ernor.) Smile! Smile!

WORST: SMILE!  
ALTOGETHER: Smile!  
(The photographer discharges a flare  
with a bang.)

WORST: (Shouting) That will ap-  
pear in every newspaper in the country  
by tomorrow morning.

CURTAIN.

cheer suddenly and most unexpectedly  
went up from all around us when Stalin's  
warm smiling face filled the screen. I joined  
in on the tail end of it as soon as I re-  
covered from my surprise. As the cheer  
died down from the front rows drifted  
a weak but organized boo.

Stalin's picture flashed on the screen  
again. Once more a loud cheer went up—  
challengingly. Then hell broke loose. All  
around us Chinese and whites suddenly  
arose from their seats.

Bozart and I joined in the melee as fists  
and bottles started to fly from all directions.  
Russian and Chinese curses were almost as  
thick as the fists that were flaying the air.  
Somebody lowered a bottle on Bozart's  
head. "Why you lousy white Russian b—,"  
he shouted and waded into the thick of  
the fight.

Chinese soldiers rushed into the theatre—  
apparently to establish peace, but instead,  
some of them lined up with us. After  
about twenty minutes of bloody battle  
things were quieted down. The Chinese  
soldiers left the theatre and the show  
started all over again. Stalin's smiling  
face looked down on us. A wild roaring  
cheer went up. There were no boos this  
time.

We sailed down the river from Shanghai  
with the Dollar line house flag at half  
mast. One of the Dollar family had kicked  
the bucket.

The Chinese coolies we have aboard,  
who are working stark naked cleaning  
steaming hot fuel tanks are undoubtedly  
very badly upset by this news. Hired in  
Shanghai to make the trip to Manila and  
return, they are forced to work 12 hours a  
day—Sunday included—for 30 cents a day.

READY FOR NEW THINGS

The Dollars like all shipowners con-  
veniently stick the American flag into their  
back pocket when it comes to the important  
question of cheap labor. Over a hundred  
of these Chinese coolies are taken aboard  
every trip by each Dollar Liner, when  
they reach the Orient. No provision is  
made aboard ships for them. They sleep  
wherever there is room. In passage ways  
and in cargo 'tween decks. They have no  
washplace or sanitary facilities. But the  
steamboat inspectors apparently "think"  
it's okay. In case of an emergency, a hundred  
Chinese lives don't mean much. There  
ain't enough life boats to go that far  
around.

Yeh, the flag is at half mast for one of the  
Dollars. That guy probably never  
did a day's work in his life," the expression  
of one of the quartermasters, it voice  
of the sentiment of the whole gang of us.

Had a hot political argument in the foil's  
this evening. One of the A. B.'s, an ex-  
navy man, declared with absolute conviction  
"We'll never have a revolution in the  
United States because it's a free country."  
"Where were you during the 1934 strike?"  
I asked him.

"In the Navy," he answered rather meek-  
ly.

"Then ask some of the fellows who were  
clubbed, gassed and beaten on the picket  
lines what they think about this country  
of ours," I suggested. "Ask the Modesto  
Boys—or Tom Mooney."

The rest of the gang listened with un-  
usual interest to our argument. Felt very  
proud when the little Catholic Italian came  
over to my bunk later and said, "Hell,  
you made a monkey out of that guy's  
argument."

Confidentially I think I gave a lousy ar-  
gument, myself.

"I'm practically a Red now and if I could  
find a substitute for Faith I'd join the Com-  
munist Party now," he whispered in my ear.

I kept silent for want of an intelligent  
answer—but I've got an application blank  
ready for him.

What is that line that goes something  
like "Theory without practice" or vice  
versa?

### Prisoners' Relief



One of the posters for the International Labor Defense drive for funds to go to the families and immediate dependents of those imprisoned in this country for their political beliefs and activities in the working class. Donations may be sent to the I. L. D. offices at 12G South Broadway, Los Angeles, or 1005 Market street, San Francisco.

## LOOK AT OURSELVES TO FIND THE ANSWER TO FLUCTUATION PROBLEM

Organizer Looks at Party Members and Apparatus From Viewpoint of New Recruit

By Sonoma County Organizer.

The overcoming of the high rate of fluctuation in our District is an important organizational task which demands a solution in the immediate future. Comrade Schneideman, in his report to the State Convention, has likened the Party to a sieve in which the members go out as fast as they come in. In all discussions on this subject the importance of political education has been stressed. New member classes have been formed but still fluctuation continues.

Political education is still the answer to this vexing problem, but we must find new reasons why we are as yet unable to make such education effective in holding new members. There is no blueprint we can lay down and say, "This will do away with fluctuation," but there are several questions we can raise discussion of which may help.

Let us put ourselves in the position of a new recruit to the Party. He has been reading our paper, magazines, and a few pamphlets over a certain period of time. He has learned something about our political line and has come to agree with it sufficiently to join the Party. He has read about the self-sacrificing work of Communists, how they fight shoulder to shoulder with all honest fighters in the interest of the working class.

Our Section has had some slight experience in using such a plan (although we are ourselves far from making use of all the possibilities it presents). Our Section on Jan. 1 had a registration of 32 members. The quota set up by the District to the time of the District Convention called for an increased membership of 45, and we now have 47. In addition to this, we "lost" three members who moved to another section in the District, so they cannot be placed in the fluctuation column. Thus we really over-filled our recruiting quota by five, and what is more important, we lost but one member in the first five months of the year. This happened to be an elderly lady who could not attend meetings.

### IN A SMALLER SECTION

Now we do not consider ourselves brilliant organizers because we have a very low rate of fluctuation in our Section. We think it is more likely due to the fact that we are a small section, and we can and do keep track of the new members after they enter the Party. We try to give attention to their own particular problems of adjusting themselves to the Party. Thus these new comrades see that we continue to take an interest in them after they have joined and are merely after their signature on an application card.

Right here, Comrades, I think we had better take a good look at ourselves. Many of us still have remnants of the bad features of petty-bourgeois ideology in the sphere of social and cultural relations even though we may have successfully broken with the capitalist political ideology. This is, of course, known to most of us. But does a new member accept this as an unavoidable circumstance? Sometimes a relatively unimportant shortcoming in our social relations may be magnified all out of proportion by a new recruit who is not yet politically mature.

In the larger sections, where it is not possible for the leading committees to give personal attention to each new member, they could discuss these methods among the lower functionaries and convince them of the necessity of using such methods in regard to new members. The Section Committee members could give an example by personally keeping track of the members they themselves recruit. In this way, the slogan could be raised that every comrade who recruits a member continue to take a personal interest in the progress of this member. This is where the cultural level of all our members comes in: to enable them to discuss with their recruits their specific problems in a comradely way. Such methods would be used, not to displace new members classes, but to supplement them.

The plan of assigning special people to teach new members classes should be put into practice simultaneously with a cultural campaign within the Party, linked up directly with our other Party work as a means of improving this work.

LET US LIQUIDATE THE BAD FEATURES OF OUR PETTY-BOURGEOIS INHERITANCE IN THE SPHERE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS FOR GENUINE PROLETARIAN COMRADESHIP THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE PARTY.

### THE CULTURAL GROWTH

We must understand that our new members may be more sensitive on the subject of personal relations within the Party than we suspect. It is a matter on which they would be most reluctant to express criticism, taking the

# Fake General Strike Story in Long Beach is Plot on Unions

## TRY TO TURN POPULATION AGAINST AFL

Long Beach Labor Council Hits Lying Action of the Employers' Press

LONG BEACH, Cal.—There is no depth to which the bosses will not descend in the attempt to discredit organized labor.

The Long Beach Sun of June 15 carried a spread across its front page saying "General Strike Threatened." The lying story went on to say that the Long Beach local unions planned to call a general strike on July 1, not for higher wages or better conditions, but to "show labor's strength."

### AN AFTERTHOUGHT

As if in an afterthought, the Long Beach Sun went on to say that "the report is unfounded."

Just to heighten the effect of the score, the rotted boss sheet had Detective Captain Owen M. Murphy state that he and his Red Squad had been watching "certain radicals" in Long Beach and had known for months that something of the sort was afoot.

The papers of Los Angeles, including of course the labor hating Times, carried the same story.

The purpose of it all was obvious: to scare the middle class people, to arouse enmity toward organized labor, to get them to believe that organized labor just calls strikes for the sake of striking and not for the purpose of winning better conditions, wages, or in solidarity with other strikes.

### L.A. TUNES IN PLOT

It is part of the same well organized plot against the unions which includes the vicious series the Los Angeles Times has been running under the scare title "Danger." The moral of this series is that Los Angeles is in danger of becoming a closed shop town. What a tragedy for the wealthy open shop employers!

The rank and file membership of the Long Beach unions were quick to see the plot, and the Central Labor Council adopted a resolution, of which the following is a part:

**Resolved:** That the Long Beach Central Labor Council inform the public that no general strike is contemplated. Reserving, of course, the right for labor organizations to conduct their own business and strike, if and when in their opinion, such action is necessary.

**Resolved:** That a copy of this resolution be sent to each one of the Chambers of Commerce Police Department and published in the Labor News, the Long Beach Press-Telegram and the Long Beach Morning Sun.

## Mine, Smeltermen Spreading Union

SALT LAKE CITY—Organization by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers is steadily spreading over its far-flung territory. Three local unions have been recently chartered in Ontario, Canada.

"We are receiving much opposition from the operators, who are firing many men in an effort to break their spirit and kill organization work," reports Secretary-Treasurer Sherwood.

The International has just emphatically rejected the demand of the A. F. of L. Executive Council that it quit the Committee for Industrial Organization.

## 4,000 Lumbermen Get 7½% Wage Raise

PORLAND, Ore.—The strike of 4000 Columbia River loggers has ended under an agreement which gives the workers a 7½ per cent wage increase, according to a Labor Department report issued a few days ago.

## Who Does Grange Work For Anyway?

IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
	BUREAU OF NAVIGATION AND STEAMSHIP INSPECTION
	WASHINGTON
PERSONAL	May 15, 1936
Mr. David E. Grange, 61 Whitehall Street, New York, N. Y.	
Dear Mr. Grange:	
I am enclosing copies of pages 1, 2, 4, 15, and 18 of the proposed amendments to H.R. 8597 in order that the draft now in your possession may be complete. These changes were brought about by reason of our last con- ference on this bill.	
With kindest personal regards, I am Yours very truly,	
<i>J. W. Weaver</i> J. W. Weaver Vice President	
Enclosure	

THIS LETTER from the director of the Dept. of Commerce to David E. Grange, president of the Marine Cooks and Stewards, vice president of the International Seamen's Union, and bitter foe of the rank and file, refers to the Copeland Bill. The letter proves that Grange worked with the shipowners and the government to put over the hated bill, which provides for blacklisting through the continuous discharge book system.

## California Labor Notes

## S. F. Recreation Center In Swing

OAKLAND—U. S. Judge Louderback has refused to enjoin the Regional Labor Board from acting on complaints against the Moore Drydock Co. here, charged with unfair labor practices.

SAN LEANDRO—The hundred workers locked out by the Hudon Lumber Co. are demanding recognition of the Millmen's Union; abolition of piece work; 3 hour day and 5½ day week; and 42½ to 67½ cents an hour. General manager Neal is trying to scare the strikers by a threat to move the plant. Between 25 and 30 are picketing daily.

SAN FRANCISCO—June saw the beginning of a new union here, the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 236. Starting with 50 members, the union recruited an additional 225 in a few weeks.

OAKLAND—500 pickets were out on Sunday, June 21, to let the workers of the East Bay know that the Shell Oil Co. is unfair to organized labor. Many stations with union operators closed for the day. It was done to help the Teamsters get the company to sign with them. It was a very unprofitable day for Shell Oil.

MARTINEZ—Eight candidates were initiated and ten more applications filed at the meeting of Oil Workers Local 5, which heard Harrod, Business Agent of Local 326, Rodeo report on the Oil Workers' International convention recently held in Tulsa. Brothers Erends and Wilson reported on the June 21 oil workers conference in Bakerfield. A meeting of oil workers' executives is scheduled for July 26 at Martinez. The conference with Shell Oil Co. officials for wage increases and an agreement, will be held in San Francisco beginning June 30. Brother Erends will represent local 5.

RICHMOND—Retail clerks union elected Louis Rattaro president. Ed. McLaughlin vice-president; Esther Charlesworth secretary; Wiley Jones, treasurer. Installation will take place July 13.

SAN PEDRO—Despite the fact that the Safeway store clerks in Lomita have union agreements with the company, and that all meat markets in Safeway stores have agreements with the Butchers' Union, the San Pedro Retail Clerks' Protective Association broke off negotiations with clerks in the Safeway grocery departments in San Pedro and Wilmington, because these clerks

## E. BAY BOSSSES TRY TRICKS IN TUNNEL UNION

OAKLAND—The bosses have not been getting to first base in their efforts to break the solidarity of East Bay Labor, so they are trying some new tricks.

A week ago 700 members of the Tunnel, Aqueduct and Subway Workers' Union were locked out in a dispute between the Six Companies and the 13th High way District.

### WONT RETURN FOR LOW WAGES

Since that time union members have decided they will not go back until certain demands for wage increase and better working conditions are granted. The union has a Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Charter.

Now the red herring is dragged out. During the absence of a member who had recently been transferred from Selby local, he was attacked by reactionaries as "only coming down here to talk Communism to us." They demanded that he be denied the privilege of the floor from now on.

### STRAW BOSSSES

The three that made this undemocratic demand were Jack Schuler, Sam Wolff and Gadley. The three are all straw bosses and on previous jobs they had refused to join the union. On this job they were forced to do so.

This militant worker under attack told the Western Worker correspondent: "I've never been a member of the Communist Party nor am I a member now, but experience has taught me to be proud to work along with the Communists and I don't care who knows that. The only reason that this attack has been made upon me is to give the company an excuse for refusing to rehire me."

Since the tunnel men were locked out they have been very active on the picket lines of the various strikes, especially the L. A. Young strike. They now jointly occupy a store for offices with the Federal Laborers Union.

The bonds of working class solidarity are becoming too strong for the bosses' comfort and hence such attacks as the above-mentioned.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor. Send us news of your union.

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## ORGANIZING PEDRO MART FISHERMEN

SAN PEDRO—With 50 applications already received, the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union here is conducting a drive to organize the Market Fishermen in this port.

Approximately 250 fishermen are engaged in this type of fishing, few having come into the union previously.

### A SPECIAL BRANCH

The main bulk in the union are the fishermen on the purse seine boats working for the canneries. It is planned now to establish a special branch for the market fishermen starting with a lowered initiation fee. At a meeting the market fishermen themselves elected an organizing committee.

The union's success this year, in the face of heavy cannery opposition, in getting better tuna and mackerel agreements, better conditions and continued union recognition has been an incentive for the market fishermen. At the present time they are working without any agreement on price scale subject to whatever prices the market operators see fit to pay.

The union is also negotiating with the cannery on the sardine price for the next season, according to George Ivankovich, secretary.

### HAVE I.S.U. CHARTER

Having an International Seamen's Union charter for California the union is also organizing in its field in Monterey and at the same time making efforts to secure closer relations with other fishing unions on the Pacific Coast, most of which are in the L. S. U.

### No Labor Shortage in San Luis Obispo Co.: 800 Receiving Relief

By A Worker Correspondent ATASCADERO, Cal.—After a very careful and extensive census, it has been definitely determined that there exists no shortage in the labor market in the section covered by San Luis Obispo County.

These findings have been compiled after careful investigation by the American Federation of Government Employees, whose main unit is situated in Atascadero.

The cause for this survey had its origin in the fact that many men have been induced to come to this county because of reports which have been current that there was a shortage of labor and incidentally high wages being paid by various employers.

The fact is that there exist about 800 who will be forced to continue on the relief rolls, so reports the American Federation of Government Employees, lodge 1081.

### Wash. Labor Probing Fascist Outfit That Apes 'Black Legion'

EVERETT, Wash.—A committee of three to investigate the Hitler-like "Christian Commonwealth Party has been set up by the Everett Central Labor Council.

The organization to be investigated is looked on as the "Black Legion of the Northwest," and labor wants to go to the mat with it before it pulls any of the stuff the Black Legion did in Michigan.

No arrests were made. Additional organizers will be sent here by the union, as an answer to the mob's demand that present organizers get out of town. A drive is on to organize the Good year plant here.

## RR Shopcraft Lodges Pushing Resolutions Under S.F. Bridge

CHICAGO—Railroad shopcraft union lodges are being asked to vote on resolutions favoring the 6 hour day, 25 per cent wage increase and a two weeks vacation with pay.

Origin of the move came from the Federation of Shopcrafts and it is being handled through the international unions involved.

The Northwest Federation has already endorsed the resolution. Opposition to consolidations is growing fast.

O'Brien said the bridge board

## Is It OK With You, Mr. Boss?

### INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE MARINE COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
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May 21, 1936

Mr. David E. Grange, President  
Marine Cooks' and Stewards' Union  
61 Whitehall Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Grange:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 20  
with a copy of your proposed talk over the radio tomorrow night.

I think it is a very excellent statement and hope  
it will have the effect of nullifying the talk given by non-union  
seaman Currin.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
John J. Lundeberg  
Vice President

## MARITIME FED. IN OVERTURES TO TEAMSTERS

Latter Asked to Send Fraternal Delegates; SUP Renews Fight for Charter and Council Seats

SAN FRANCISCO—Because they are closely related to the maritime industry, the Teamster Union has been invited by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific to send fraternal delegates as observers to the meetings of the four Federation district councils. The invitation was sent to the Teamsters in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, San Pedro and Los Angeles.

The letter states that the invitation was issued with this thought in mind: "Closer co-operation and organized labor unity for the good and welfare of organized labor as a whole and may the Pacific Coast lead the way."

### SAIORS' RENEW FIGHT

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific has renewed its fight for the right to seat delegates in the San Francisco Labor Council and for its charter. Letters signed by Harry Lundeberg have been sent to A. F. of L. President Green and to Ivan Hunter, secretary-treasurer of the International Seamen's Union.

Writing to Green, Lundeberg said that all legal actions taken by the I. S. U. officials against the S. U. P. have either been won by the Pacific Sailors or dropped by the I. S. U. officials.

Lundeberg accused Hunter of making mis-statements to Green about the S. U. P. "The officers of our union are still willing to meet with you on any fair and dignified basis," Hunter was told. "If either you or President Green chooses to open negotiations, without the personal abuse which has become characteristic of you, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific stands ready to meet any proposed settlement openly and fairly."

## Grange Isn't Fit For Committee

NEW YORK—Rank and file protest against the makeup of the Copeland Senate committee investigating marine labor conditions is beginning to bear fruit.

The committee includes Paul Scharenberg and David E. Grange, President of the Marine Cooks and bitter foe of the recent rank and file strike. Support of the rank and file seamen's protests has come from Howard S. Cullinan, vice-chairman of the Committee on Safety at Sea. Cullinan told Secretary of Commerce Roper that the Copeland committee was unfit to undertake a fair inquiry into the brief submitted by the rank and file seamen.

He denounced Grange, saying that "union officials who submit their radio speeches to the shipowners for approval cannot be regarded as adequate representatives of labor."

## R.R. Pension Act Knocked Out by D.C. Court In Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Justice Jennings Bailey of the District of Columbia Supreme Court has declared the 1935 Railroad Retirement Act unconstitutional.

This knocks out the entire federal system of pensions for railroad workers. The Federal Retirement Board has been restrained from collecting pension payments from the railroad carriers.

the new anthracite wage agreement at a 3-day convention. It provides for a 7 hour day, 5 day week, beginning May 1, 1937; same daily rates for 7 hours as was paid for 8 hours; complete checkoff; a form of equalization of work. The agreement runs until April 30, 1938.